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The Honorable Joseph Branch, Chief Justice
The Supreme Court of North Carolina
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Chief Justice:

In accord with Section 7A-343 of the North Carolina General Statutes, I herewith transmit the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the Courts, relating to the fiscal year, July 1, 1981—June 30, 1982.

Appreciation is expressed to the many persons who participated in the data reporting, compilation, and writing required to produce this annual report. Within the Administrative Office of the Courts, principal responsibilities were shared by the Research and Planning Division and the Information Services Division. The principal burden of reporting the great mass of trial court data rested upon the offices of the clerks of superior court located in each of the one hundred counties of the State. The Clerk of the Supreme Court and the Clerk of the Court of Appeals provided the case data relating to our appellate courts.

Without the responsible work of many persons across the State this report would not have been possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin E. Freeman, Jr.
Director

December, 1982

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PART I

THE 1981-1982 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

THE 1981-82 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

This *Annual Report* on the work of North Carolina's Judicial Department is for the fiscal year which began July 1, 1981 and ended June 30, 1982.

The Workload of the Courts

During 1981-82 the workload of the appellate courts increased over that reported the previous year. As set out in more detail in Part II of this *Report*, case filings in the Supreme Court totalled 241, compared with 228 filed during 1980-81. A total of 681 petitions were filed in the Supreme Court, compared with 612 in 1980-81; and 75 petitions were allowed compared with 73 in 1980-81.

For the Court of Appeals, case data is reported on a fiscal year rather than calendar year basis as in prior Annual Reports. For 1981-82, case filings were 1,413 compared with 1,222 for the 1980 calendar year. Petitions in 1981-82 totalled 581, compared with 508 during calendar year, 1980.

More detailed data on the appellate courts is included in Part II of this *Annual Report*.

In the superior courts, case filings (civil and criminal) increased by 2.6%, to a total of 84,571 in 1981-82, compared with 82,441 cases in 1980-81. Superior court case dispositions also increased to a total of 82,165, compared with 80,303 in 1980-81. As case filings during the year exceeded case dispositions, the total number of cases pending at the end of the year increased by 2,041, or 6%. Operations of the superior courts are summarized in Part II of this *Report*, and detailed information on the caseloads in the 100 counties and 34 judicial districts is presented in Part IV.

Not including juvenile proceedings and mental hospital commitment hearings, the statewide total of district court filings (civil and criminal) during 1981-82 was 1,421,309, a decrease of 99,517 cases (6.5%) from 1980-81 filings of 1,520,826 cases. The only area of the district court caseload to register an increase in 1981-82 over the previous fiscal year was the non-motor vehicle criminal case category, which had total filings of 418,176 cases in 1981-82, an increase of 3.8% over the 402,900 cases filed in 1980-81. There was a 5.4% drop in civil case filings from a total of 344,483 in 1980-81 to 325,886 in 1981-82. Most of this decrease was in civil magistrate filings, from 226,604 cases in 1980-81 to 215,625 cases in 1981-82. There was also a decrease of 6,740 cases in the domestic relations category, attributable to a change in reporting where subsequent motions and petitions in a domestic relations case, following initial disposition, were no longer reported.

Motor vehicle criminal case filings accounted for the largest portion of the caseload reduction in 1981-82, a reduction of 96,196 cases (15.5%) from the 773,443 filings reported in 1980-81. This may have been due in part to a change in State Highway Patrol activity. In 1981-82, the Patrol shifted coverage emphasis more to secondary roads, where traffic volume is lower but accident incidence is higher. In addition, the Patrol had less overtime funded in 1981-82, with less opportunity to apprehend traffic offenders.

This marks the fourth year in a row that total filings of traffic cases have been lower than the previous years. In previous years, it has been speculated that these reductions were related to such factors as changes in driving habits, gasoline prices, and increases in liability insurance premiums. It is possible that these factors are still having an effect.

1982 Legislative Highlights

Constitutional Amendments

In June 1982, North Carolina voters approved two amendments to the judiciary article of the State Constitution.

One amendment (Article IV, Section 8) allows the recall of retired justices or judges of the appellate division for temporary service on either of the two courts within that division. Prior to this amendment, a retired justice or judge could be recalled for temporary service only to that court from which he or she retired. This amendment becomes effective on January 1, 1983.

The other amendment (Article IV, Section 12(1)), also effective January 1, 1983, authorizes the General Assembly to provide for appeals from the Utilities Commission directly to the Supreme Court. Presently, appeals from the Utilities Commission go to the Court of Appeals, from which an appeal may then be taken to the Supreme Court.

"Proper Court" for Trial of Civil Cases

At the extra legislative session in June 1982, the General Assembly raised the amount in controversy that designates the proper court division for trial of civil actions. Prior to July 1, 1982, the district court was the proper court for those civil actions where the amount in controversy was $5,000 or less, and the superior court was the proper court for civil actions in which the amount in controversy exceeded $5,000. Effective July 1, 1982, the district court is the proper court for the trial of civil cases where the amount in controversy is $10,000, or less (G.S. 7A-243).

Annual Jury Lists

A 1982 legislative amendment to G.S. 9-2, which was sponsored by the North Carolina Courts Commission, allows the preparation of jury lists annually, as well as on a biennial basis. The change from biennial to annual lists is implemented by the request of the senior resident senior court judge to the county jury commission. This change will benefit those counties using one-day or one-trail jury service where access to more up-to-date address information is essential to the operation of such systems.

Termination of Parental Rights Cases

Effective in June 1982, the statutes governing termination of parental rights were changed to require the scheduling of a six-month review hearing by the district court judge who entered the termination order. It is the purpose of this review to ensure that every reasonable effort is being made to provide a permanent placement plan which is in the best interest of the child (G.S. 7A-289.31(c1)).

Expansion of Public Defender System

In the extra session of 1982 the General Assembly increased the State's public defender system from six to seven judicial districts. Effective June 1, 1983, a public defender office is to be established in District 15B, which includes Orange and Chatham Counties. The new public defender will be appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted by members of the district bar, to serve a four-year term (G.S. 7A-466).

Other Legislative Action

In legislative changes to the procedure governing the issuance of pistol permits (G.S. 14-404), which were made in June 1982, an applicant who is denied such a permit may appeal this decision to the chief district court judge of the district where the application was filed. The decision of the district court in the appeal of such matters is final.

The General Assembly also established a hearing procedure before the magistrate for motorists whose vehicles are either towed or stored pursuant to G.S. Chapter 20, G.S. 115C-46(d), G.S. 116-44.4, or G.S. 143-340(19). This procedure became effective on August 1, 1982.

Appropriations for Judicial Department

The General Assembly at the 1981 Regular Session approved a 1981-83 biennial appropriation for the Judicial Department and for other State departments, agencies and institutions. At the extra legislative session in June 1982, revisions were made in the appropriations for the 1982-83 fiscal year. For the Judicial Department, there was a 3.5% decrease in the original appropriation for 1982-83, from $90,321,624 to $87,147,849. Similar reductions in the 1982-83 appropriations were made for various other State departments and agencies.

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HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COURT SYSTEM

From its early colonial period North Carolina's judicial system has been the focus of periodic attention and adjustment. Through the years, there has been a repeated sequence of critical examination, proposals for reform, and finally the enactment of some reform measures.

Colonial Period

Around 1700 the royal governor established a General (or Supreme) Court for the colony and a dispute developed over the appointment of associate justices. The Assembly conceded to the King the right to name the chief justice but unsuccessfully tried to win for itself the power to appoint the associate justices. Other controversies developed concerning the creation and jurisdiction of the courts and the tenure of judges. As for the latter, the Assembly's position was that judge appointments should be for good behavior as against the royal governor's decision for life appointment. State historians have noted that "the Assembly won its fight to establish courts and the judicial structure in the province was grounded on laws enacted by the legislature", which was more familiar with local conditions and needs (Lefler and Newsome, 142). Nevertheless, North Carolina alternated between periods under legislatively enacted reforms (like good behavior tenure and the Court Bill of 1746, which contained the seeds of the post-Revolutionary court system) and periods of stalemate and anarchy after such enactments were nullified by royal authority. A more elaborate system was framed by legislation in 1767 to last five years. It was not renewed because of persisting disagreement between local and royal partisans. As a result, North Carolina was without higher courts until after Independence (Battle, 847).

At the lower court level during the colonial period, judicial and county government administrative functions were combined in the authority of the justices of the peace, who were appointed by the royal governor.

After the Revolution

When North Carolina became a state in 1776, the colonial structure of the court system was retained largely intact. The Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions — the county court which continued in use from about 1670 to 1868 — were still held by the assembled justices of the peace in each county. The justices were appointed by the governor on the recommendation of the General Assembly, and they were paid out of fees charged litigants. On the lowest level of the judicial system, magistrate courts of limited jurisdiction were held by justices of the peace, singly or in pairs, while the county court was out of term.

The new Constitution of 1776 empowered the General Assembly to appoint judges of the Supreme Court of Law and Equity. A court law enacted a year later authorized three superior court judges and created judicial districts. Sessions were supposed to be held in the court towns of each district twice a year, under a system much like the one that had expired in 1772. Just as there had been little distinction in terminology between General Court and Supreme Court prior to the Revolution, the terms Supreme Court and Superior Court were also interchangeable during the period immediately following the Revolution.

One of the most vexing governmental problems confronting the new State of North Carolina was its judiciary. "From its inception in 1777 the state's judiciary caused complaint and demands for reform." (Lefler and Newsome, 291, 292). Infrequency of sessions, conflicting judge opinions, and insufficient number of judges, and lack of means for appeal were all cited as problems, although the greatest weakness was considered to be the lack of a real Supreme Court.

In 1779, the legislature required the Superior Court judges to meet together in Raleigh as a Court or Conference to resolve cases which were disagreed on in the districts. This court was continued and made permanent by subsequent laws. The justices were required to put their opinions in writing to be delivered orally in court. The Court of Conference was changed in name to the Supreme Court in 1805 and authorized to hear appeals in 1810. Because of the influence of the English legal system, however, there was still no conception of an alternative to judges sitting together to hear appeals from cases which they had themselves heard in the districts in panels of as few as two judges (Battle, 848). In 1818, though, an independent three-judge Supreme Court was created for review of cases decided at the Superior Court level.

Meanwhile, semi-annual superior court sessions in each county were made mandatory in 1806, and the State was divided into six circuits, or ridings, where the six judges were to sit in rotation, two judges constituting a quorum as before.

The County court of justices of the peace continued during this period as the lowest court and as the agency of local government.

After the Civil War

Major changes to modernize the judiciary and make it more democratic were made in 1868. A primary holdover from the English legal arrangement — the distinction between law and equity proceedings — was abolished. The County Court's control of local government was abolished. Capital offenses were limited to murder, arson, burglary and rape, and the Constitution stated that the aim of punishment was "not only to satisfy justice, but also to reform the offender, and thus prevent crime". The membership of the Supreme Court was raised to five, and the selection of the justices (in-

cluding the designation of the chief justice) and superior court judges (raised in number to 12) was taken from the legislature and given to the voters, although vacancies were to be filled by the governor until the next election. The Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions — the County Court of which three justices of the peace constituted a quorum — was eliminated. Its judicial responsibilities were divided between the Superior Courts and the individual justices of the peace, who were retained as separate judicial officers with limited jurisdiction.

Conservatively oriented amendments to the 1868 Constitution in 1875 reduced the number of Supreme Court justices to three and the Superior Court judges to nine. The General Assembly was given the power to appoint justices of the peace, instead of the governor. Most of the modernizing changes in the post-Civil War Constitution, however, were left, and the judicial structure it had established continued without systematic modification through more than half of the 20th century. (A further constitutional amendment approved by the voters in November, 1888, returned the Supreme Court membership to five, and the number of superior court judges to twelve.)

Before Reorganization

A multitude of legislative enactments to meet rising demands and to respond to changing needs had heavily encumbered the 1868 judicial structure by the time systematic court reforms were proposed in the 1950's. This accrual of piecemeal change and addition to the court system was most evident at the lower, local court level, where hundreds of courts specially created by statute operated with widely dissimilar structure and jurisdiction.

By 1965, when the implementation of the most recent major reforms was begun, the court system in North Carolina consisted of four levels: (a) the Supreme Court, with appellate jurisdiction; (b) the superior court, with general trial jurisdiction; (c) the local statutory courts of limited jurisdiction, and (d) justices of the peace and mayor's courts, with petty jurisdiction.

At the superior court level, the State had been divided into 30 judicial districts and 24 solicitorial districts. The 40 superior court judges (who rotated among the counties) and the district solicitors were paid by the State. The clerk of superior court, who was judge of probate and often also a juvenile judge, was a county official. There were specialized branches of superior court in some counties for matters like domestic relations and juvenile offenses.

The lower two levels were local courts. At the higher of these local court levels were more than 180 recorder-type courts. Among these were the county recorder's courts, municipal recorder's courts and township recorder's courts; the general county courts, county criminal courts and special county courts; the domestic relations courts and the juvenile courts. Some of these had been established individually by special legislative acts more than a half-century earlier. Others had been created by general law across the State since 1919. About half were county courts and half were city or township courts. Jurisdiction included misdemeanors (mostly traffic offenses), preliminary hearings and sometimes civil matters. The judges, who were usually part-time, were variously elected or appointed locally.

At the lowest level were about 90 mayor's courts and some 925 justices of the peace. These officers had similar criminal jurisdiction over minor cases with penalties up to a $50 fine or 30 days in jail. The justices of the peace also had civil jurisdiction of minor cases. These court officials were compensated by the fees they exacted, and they provided their own facilities.

Court Reorganization

The need for a comprehensive evaluation and revision of the court system received the attention and support of Governor Luther H. Hodges in 1957, who encouraged the leadership of the North Carolina Bar Association to pursue the matter. A Court Study Committee was established as an agency of the North Carolina Bar Association, and that Committee issued its report, calling for reorganization, at the end of 1958. A legislative Constitutional Commission, which worked with the Court Study Committee, finished its report early the next year. Both groups called for the structuring of an all-inclusive court system which would be directly state-operated, uniform in its organization throughout the State and centralized in its administration. The plan was for a simplified, streamlined and unified structure. A particularly important part of the proposal was the elimination of the local statutory courts and their replacement by a single District Court; the office of justice of the peace was to be abolished, and the newly fashioned position of magistrate would function within the District Court as a subordinate judicial office.

Constitutional amendments were introduced in the legislature in 1959 but these failed to gain the required three-fifths vote of each house. The proposals were reintroduced and approved at the 1961 session. The Constitutional amendments were approved by popular vote in 1962, and three years later the General Assembly enacted statutes to put the system into effect by stages. By the end of 1970 all of the counties and their courts had been incorporated into the new system, whose unitary nature was symbolized by the name, General Court of Justice. The designation of the entire 20th Century judicial system as a single, statewide "court," with components for various types and levels of caseload, was adapted from North Carolina's earlier

General Court, whose full venue extended to all of the 17th Century counties.

After Reorganization

Notwithstanding the comprehensive reorganization adopted in 1962, the impetus for changes has continued. In 1965, the Constitution was amended to provide for the creation of an intermediate Court of Appeals. It was amended again in 1972 to allow for the Supreme Court to censure or remove judges upon the recommendation of a Judicial Standards Commission. As for the selection of judges, persistent efforts have been made in the 1970's to obtain legislative approval of amendments to the State Constitution, to appoint judges according to "merit" instead of electing them by popular, partisan vote. The proposed amendments have received the backing of a majority of the members of each house, but not the three-fifths required to submit constitutional amendments to a vote of the people. It seems likely that this significant issue will be before the General Assembly again for consideration.

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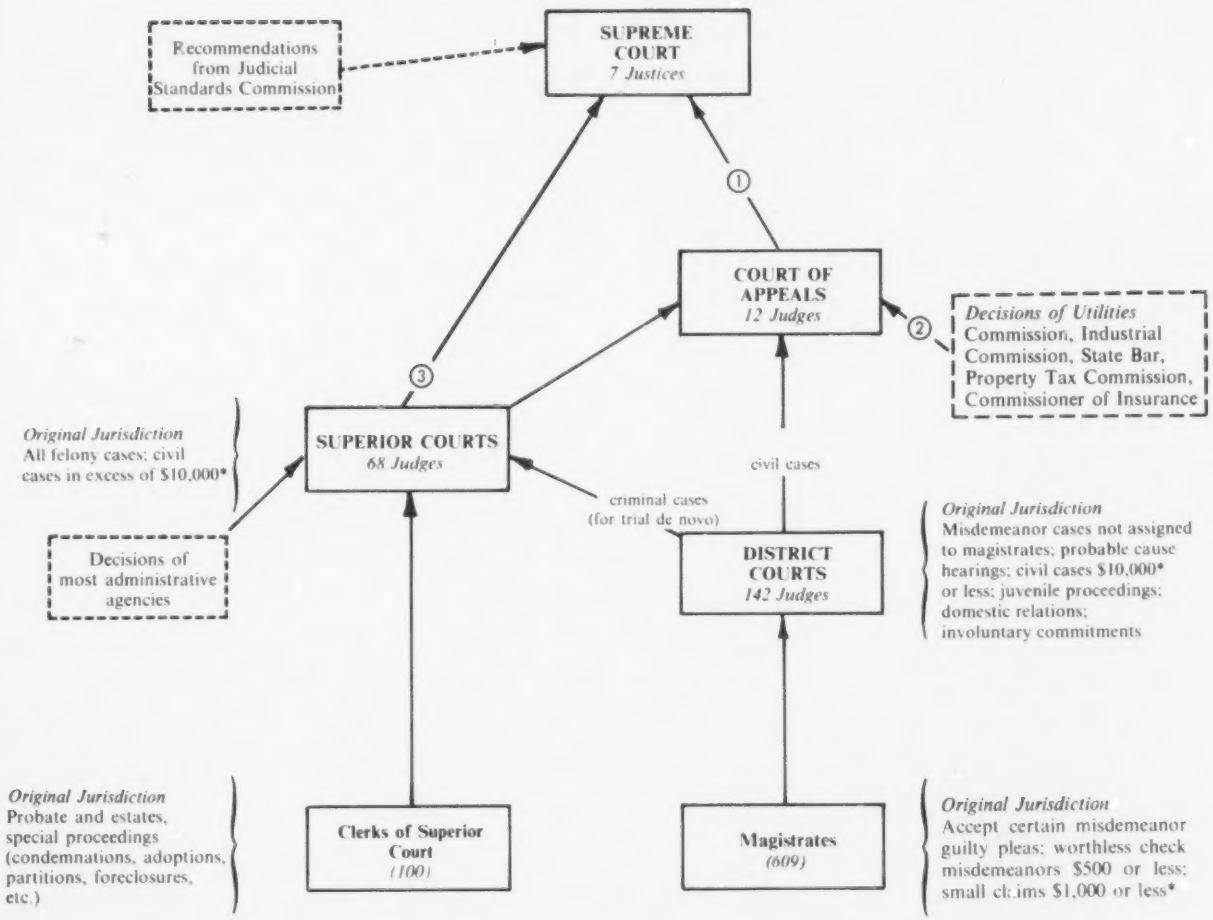
THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

Original Jurisdiction and Routes of Appeal


Recommendations from Judicial Standards Commission
SUPREME COURT
7 Justices
1
COURT OF APPEALS
12 Judges
2
Decisions of Utilities Commission, Industrial Commission, State Bar, Property Tax Commission, Commissioner of Insurance
3
Original Jurisdiction
All felony cases; civil cases in excess of $10,000*
SUPERIOR COURTS
68 Judges
civil cases
criminal cases (for trial de novo)
Decisions of most administrative agencies
DISTRICT COURTS
142 Judges
Original Jurisdiction
Misdemeanor cases not assigned to magistrates; probable cause hearings; civil cases $10,000* or less; juvenile proceedings; domestic relations; involuntary commitments
Original Jurisdiction
Probate and estates, special proceedings (condemnations, adoptions, partitions, foreclosures, etc.)
Clerks of Superior Court
(100)
Magistrates
(609)
Original Jurisdiction
Accept certain misdemeanor guilty pleas; worthless check misdemeanors $500 or less; small claims $1,000 or less*

(1) Appeals from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court are by right in Utilities Commission general rate cases, cases involving constitutional questions, and cases in which there has been dissent in the Court of Appeals. In its discretion, the Supreme Court may review Court of Appeals decisions in cases of significant public interest or cases involving legal principles of major significance.

(2) Appeals from these agencies lie directly to the Court of Appeals.

(3) As a matter of right, appeals go directly to the Supreme Court in criminal cases in which the defendant has been sentenced to death or life imprisonment, and in civil cases involving the involuntary annexation of territory by a municipality of 5,000 or more population. In all other cases appeal as of right is to the Court of Appeals. In its discretion, the Supreme Court may hear appeals directly from the trial courts in cases where delay would cause substantial harm or the Court of Appeals docket is unusually full.

***Note:** The district and superior courts have concurrent original jurisdiction in civil actions (G.S. 7A-242). However, the district court division is the *proper* division for the trial of civil actions in which the amount in controversy is $10,000 or less; and the superior court division is the proper division for the trial of civil actions in which the amount in controversy exceeds $10,000 (G.S. 7A-243). (The change from $5,000 to $10,000 was made effective July 1, 1982.)

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THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

Article IV of the North Carolina Constitution establishes the General Court of Justice which "shall constitute a unified judicial system for purposes of jurisdiction, operation, and administration, and shall consist of an Appellate Division, a Superior Court Division, and a District Court Division."

The Appellate Division is comprised of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

The Superior Court Division is comprised of the superior courts which hold sessions in the county seats of the 100 counties of the State. The counties are grouped into judicial districts (34 at the present time), and one or more superior court judges are elected for each of the judicial districts. A clerk of the superior court for each county is elected by the voters of the county.

The District Court Division is comprised of the district courts. The General Assembly is authorized to divide the State into a convenient number of local court districts and prescribe where the district courts shall sit, but district court must sit in at least one place in each county. The General Assembly has provided that districts for purposes of the district court are co-terminous with superior court judicial districts. The Constitution also provides for one or more magistrates to be appointed in each county "who shall be officers of the district court."

The State Constitution (Art. IV, Sec. 1) also contains the term, "judicial department," stating that "The General Assembly shall have no power to deprive the judicial department of any power or jurisdiction that rightfully pertains to it as a co-ordinate department of the government, nor shall it establish or authorize any courts other than as permitted by this Article." The terms, "General Court of Justice" and "Judicial Department" are almost, but not quite, synonymous. It may be said that the Judicial Department encompasses all of the levels of court designated as the General Court of Justice plus all administrative and ancillary services within the Judicial Department.

The original jurisdictions and routes of appeal between the several levels of court in North Carolina's system of courts are illustrated in the chart on the opposite page.

Criminal Cases

Trial of misdemeanor cases is within the original jurisdiction of the district courts. Some misdemeanor offenses are tried by magistrates, who are also empowered to accept pleas of guilty to certain offenses and impose fines in accordance with a schedule set by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges. Most trials of misdemeanors are by district court judges, who also hold preliminary, "probable cause" hearings in felony cases. Trial of felony cases is within the jurisdiction of the superior courts.

Decisions of magistrates may be appealed to the district court judge. In criminal cases there is no trial by jury available at the district court level; appeal from the district courts' judgments in criminal cases is to the superior courts for trial *de novo* before a jury. Except in life-imprisonment or death sentence cases (which are appealed to the Supreme Court), appeal from the superior courts is to the Court of Appeals.

Civil Cases

The 100 clerks of superior court are *ex officio* judges of probate and have original jurisdiction in probate and estates matters. The clerks also have jurisdiction over such special proceedings as adoptions, partitions, condemnations under the authority of eminent domain, and foreclosures. Rulings of the clerk may be appealed to the superior court.

The district courts have original jurisdiction in juvenile proceedings, domestic relations cases, petitions for involuntary commitment to a mental hospital, and are the "proper" courts for general civil cases where the amount in litigation is $10,000 or less. If the amount in litigation is $800* or less and the plaintiff in the case so requests, the chief district court judge may assign the case for initial hearing by a magistrate. Magistrates' decisions may be appealed to the district court. Trial by jury for civil cases is available in the district courts; appeal from the judgment of a district court in a civil case is to the North Carolina Court of Appeals.

The superior courts are the proper courts for trial of general civil cases where the amount of litigation is more than $10,000. Appeals from decisions of most administrative agencies is first within the jurisdiction of the superior courts. Appeal from the superior courts in civil cases is to the Court of Appeals.

Administration

The North Carolina Supreme Court has the "general to supervise and control the proceedings of any of the other courts of the General Court of Justice." (G.S. 7A-32(b)).

In addition to this grant of general supervisory power, the North Carolina General Statutes provide certain Judicial Department officials with specific powers and responsibilities for the operation of the court system. The Supreme Court has the responsibility for prescribing rules of practice and procedures for the appellate courts and for prescribing rules for the trial courts to supplement those prescribed by statute. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court designates one of the judges of the Court of Appeals to be its Chief Judge, who in turn is responsible for scheduling the sessions of the Court of Appeals.

The chart on the following page illustrates specific responsibilities for administration of the trial courts vested in Judicial Department officials by statute. The Chief Justice appoints the Director and an Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts; this Assistant Director also serves as the Chief Justice's administrative assistant. The schedule of sessions of superior court in the 100 counties is set by the Supreme

*Increased to $1,000 effective October 1, 1981 (G.S. 7A-210).

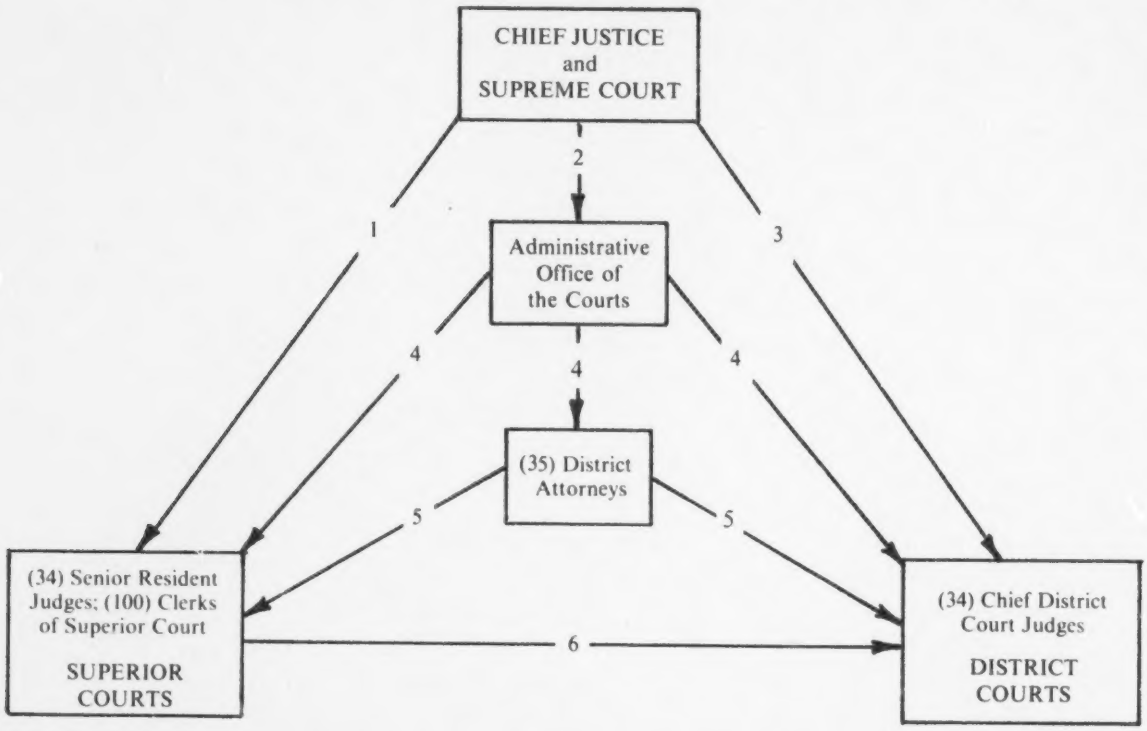
Court; assignment of the State's rotating superior court judges is the responsibility of the Chief Justice. Finally, the Chief Justice designates a chief district court judge for each of the State's 34 judicial districts from among the elected district court judges of the respective districts. These judges have special responsibilities for the scheduling of the district courts and magistrates' courts within their respective districts, as well as general local-level administrative responsibilities.

The Administrative Office of the Courts is responsible for direction of non-judicial, administrative and business affairs of the Judicial Department. Included among its functions are fiscal management, personnel services, information and statistical services, supervision of record keeping in the trial court clerks' offices, liaison with the legislative and executive departments of government, court facility evaluation, purchase and contract, education and training, coordination of the program for provision of legal counsel to indigent persons, juvenile probation and after-care, trial court administrator services, planning, and general administrative services.

The clerk of superior court in each county acts as clerk for both the superior and district courts. Until 1980, the clerk also served as chairman of the county's calendar committee, which set the civil case calendars. Effective July 1, 1980, these committees were eliminated; day-to-day calendaring of civil cases is now done by the clerk of superior court or by a "trial court administrator" in some districts, under the supervision of the senior resident superior court judge and chief district court judge. The criminal case calendars in both superior and district courts are set by the district attorney of the respective district.

THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

Principal Administrative Authorities for North Carolina Trial Courts



[1] The Supreme Court has general supervisory authority over the operations of the superior courts (as well as other trial courts). The schedule of superior courts is approved by the Supreme Court; assignments of superior court judges, who rotate from district to district, are the responsibility of the Chief Justice.

[2] The Director and an Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.

[3] The Supreme Court has general supervisory authority over the operations of the district courts (as well as other trial courts). The Chief Justice appoints a chief district court judge in each of the 34 judicial districts from the judges elected in the respective districts.

[4] The Administrative Office of the Courts is empowered to prescribe a variety of rules governing the operation of the offices of the 100 clerks of superior court, and to obtain statistical data and other information from officials in the Judicial Department.

[5] The district attorney sets the criminal-case trial calendars. In each district, the senior resident superior court judge and the chief district court judge are empowered to supervise the calendaring procedures for civil cases in their respective courts.

[6] In addition to certain judicial functions, the clerk of superior court performs administrative, fiscal and record-keeping functions for both the superior court and district court of his county. Magistrates, who serve under the supervision of the chief district court judge, are appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from nominees submitted by the clerk of superior court.

***Note:** Effective September 1, 1981, District 17 was divided into Districts 17A and 17B, resulting in a total of 34 judicial districts.

THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA*

Chief Justice
JOSEPH BRANCH

Associate Justices

J. WILLIAM COPELAND
JAMES G. EXUM, JR.
DAVID M. BRITT
J. PHIL CARLTON
LOUIS B. MEYER
BURLEY B. MITCHELL, JR.

Retired Chief Justices
WILLIAM H. BOBBITT
SUSIE SHARP

Retired Justices

J. WILL PLESS, JR.
I. BEVERLY LAKE
DAN K. MOORE
WALTER E. BROCK
J. FRANK HUSKINS

Clerk
J. Gregory Wallace

Librarian
Frances H. Hall

*As of 30 June 1982.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1981-82

The Supreme Court

At the apex of the General Court of Justice is the seven-member Supreme Court, which sits in Raleigh to consider and decide questions of law presented in civil and criminal cases appealed from the lower courts. The Chief Justice and six associate justices are elected to eight-year terms by popular vote. There are two terms of the Supreme Court each year: a Spring Term commencing on the first Tuesday in February and a Fall Term commencing on the first Tuesday in September. The Court sits only *en banc*.

Jurisdiction

The only original case jurisdiction exercised by the Supreme Court is over the censure and removal of judges upon the (non-binding) recommendations of the Judicial Standards Commission. The Court's appellate jurisdiction includes:

- cases on appeal by right from the Court of Appeals (Utilities Commission general rate-setting cases, cases involving substantial constitutional questions, and cases in which there has been dissent in the Court of Appeals);
- criminal cases on appeal by right from the superior courts (cases in which the defendant has been sentenced to death or life imprisonment);
- cases in which review has been granted in the Supreme Court's discretion.

Discretionary review by the Supreme Court directly from the trial courts may be granted when delay would likely cause substantial harm or when the workload of the Appellate Division is such that the expeditious administration of justice requires it. Most appeals are heard only after review by the Court of Appeals.

Administration

The Supreme Court has general power to supervise and control the proceedings of the other courts of the General Court of Justice. The Court has specific power to prescribe the rules of practice for the Appellate Division and supplementary rules of practice and procedure for the trial court divisions consistent with the rules prescribed by the General Assembly. The schedule of superior court sessions in the 100 counties is approved, yearly, by the Supreme Court. The Clerk of the Supreme Court, the Librarian of the Supreme Court, and the Appellate Division Reporter are appointed by the Supreme Court.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court appoints the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts and an Assistant Director, who serve at his pleasure. He also designates a Chief Judge from among the judges of the Court of Appeals and a Chief District Court Judge from among the judges in each of the State's 34 judicial districts. He assigns superior court judges, who regularly rotate from district to district, to the scheduled sessions of superior court in the 100 counties, and is also empowered to transfer district court judges to other districts for temporary or specialized duty. The Chief Justice (or another member of the Supreme Court designated by him) is the chairman of the Judicial Council, and two superior court judges, one district court judge and two district attorneys are appointed to two-year terms on the Council by the Chief Justice. He also appoints three of the seven members of the Judicial Standards Commission — a judge of the Court of Appeals who serves as the Commission's chairman, one superior court judge and one district court judge.

Operations of the Court, 1981-82

Operating expenses of the Supreme Court during the 1981-82 fiscal year amounted to $1,365,955, an increase of 4.4% over total 1980-81 expenditures of $1,308,014. Expenditures for the Supreme Court during 1981-82 constituted 1.5% of all General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department during the fiscal year.

A total of 309 appealed cases were before the Supreme Court during the fiscal year, including 68 cases pending on July 1, 1981 and 241 cases filed during the year. A total of 188 appealed cases were disposed of, with 121 cases remaining pending on June 30, 1982.

A total of 790 petitions (requests to appeal) were before the Court during the 1981-82 year, with 692 petitions disposed of and 98 pending as of June 30, 1982.

More specific data on the Court's workload is presented on the following pages.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1981-82

Supreme Court Caseload Inventory

July 1, 1981-June 30, 1982

	Pending 7/1/81	Filed	Disposed	Pending 6/30/82
Petitions for Review				
Civil domestic	8	33	37	4
Juvenile	2	6	6	2
Other civil	29	181	165	45
Criminal	35	168	174	29
Postconviction remedy	33	252	273	12
Administrative agency decision	2	41	37	6
Total Petitions for Review	**109**	**681**	**692**	**98**
Appeals				
Civil domestic	0	2	2	0
Petitions for review granted that became civil domestic appeals	4	5	6	3
Juvenile	0	1	1	0
Petitions for review granted that became juvenile appeals	2	2	3	1
Other civil	12	28	29	11
Petitions for review granted that became other civil appeals	8	34	24	18
Criminal, defendant sentenced to death	8	8	7	9
Criminal, defendant sentenced to life imprisonment	24	83	60	47
Other criminal	2	33	23	12
Petitions for review granted that became other criminal appeals	3	22	17	8
Petitions for review granted that became postconviction remedy cases	0	2	1	1
Administrative agency decision	5	11	10	6
Petitions for review granted that became appeals of administrative agency decision	0	10	5	5
Total appeals	**68**	**241**	**188**	**121**
Other Proceedings				
Extraordinary writs	3	56	56	3
Advisory opinion	0	1	1	0
Rule amendments	0	10	10	0
Motions	22	470	479	13
Total other proceedings	**25**	**537**	**546**	**16**

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1981-82

Submission of Cases Reaching Decision Stage
July 1, 1981-June 30, 1982

Cases Argued	
Civil	70
Criminal	108
Total cases argued	**178**
Submissions Without Argument	
By motion of the parties (Appellate Rule 30 (d))	2
By order of the Court (Appellate Rule 30 (f))	1
Total submissions without argument	**3**
Total Cases Reaching Decision Stage	**181**

Disposition of Petitions and Other Proceedings by the Supreme Court
July 1, 1981-June 30, 1982

Petitions for Review	**Granted**	**Denied**	**Dismissed/Withdrawn**	**Total Disposed**
Civil	39	163	0	202
Juvenile	2	4	0	6
Criminal	22	152	0	174
Postconviction Remedy	2	176	95	273
Administrative Agency Decision	10	27	0	37
Total Petitions for Review	**75**	**522**	**95**	**692**
Other Proceedings				
Extraordinary Writs	19	37	0	56
Rule Amendments				10
Advisory Opinion				1
Motions				479
Total Other Proceedings				**546**

Disposition of Supreme Court Appeals With Published Opinion

Case Types	Affirmed	Modified	Reversed	Reversed Remanded	Remanded	Total Disposed
Civil domestic	0	1	3	1	0	5
Juvenile	0	0	1	3	0	4
Other civil	10	7	6	16	0	39
Criminal (death sentence)	5	0	1	1	0	7
Criminal (life sentence)	47	0	7	1	2	57
Other criminal	12	1	6	5	1	25
Postconviction remedy	1	0	0	0	0	1
Administrative agency decision	2	3	1	6	1	13
Totals	**77**	**12**	**25**	**33**	**4**	**151**

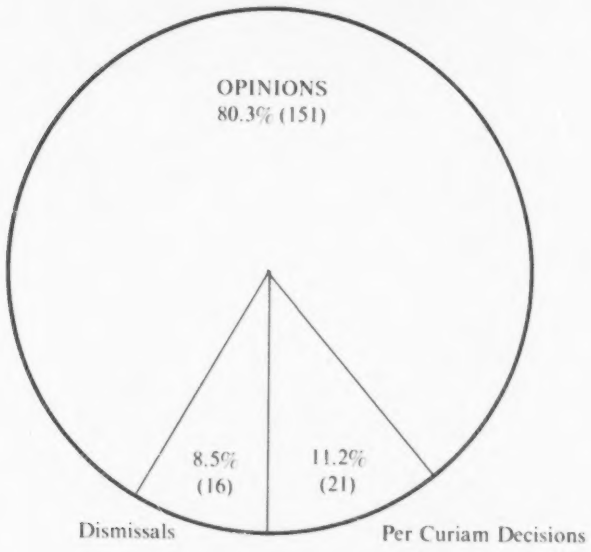
Disposition of Supreme Court Appeals with Per Curiam Decision

Case Types	Affirmed	Modified	Reversed	Reversed Remanded	Remanded	Total Disposed
Civil domestic	0	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other civil	9	1	0	1	0	11
Criminal (death sentence)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal (life sentence)	1	0	0	0	0	1
Other criminal	8	0	0	0	0	8
Postconviction remedy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative agency decision	1	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	**19**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**21**

Disposition of Supreme Court Appeals by Dismissal or Withdrawal

Case Types	Dismissed or Withdrawn
Civil domestic	3
Juvenile	0
Other civil	3
Criminal (death sentence)	2
Criminal (life sentence)	7
Other criminal	0
Postconviction remedy	1
Administrative agency decision	0
Totals	**16**

Manner of Disposition of Appeals in the Supreme Court
July 1, 1981-June 30, 1982



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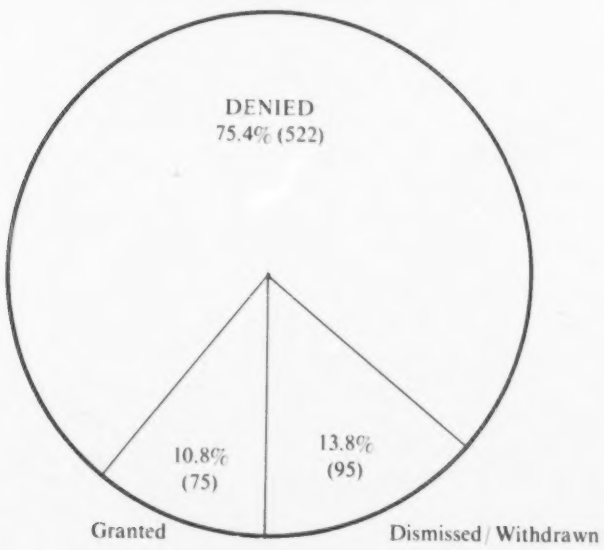
July 1, 1981-June 30, 1982



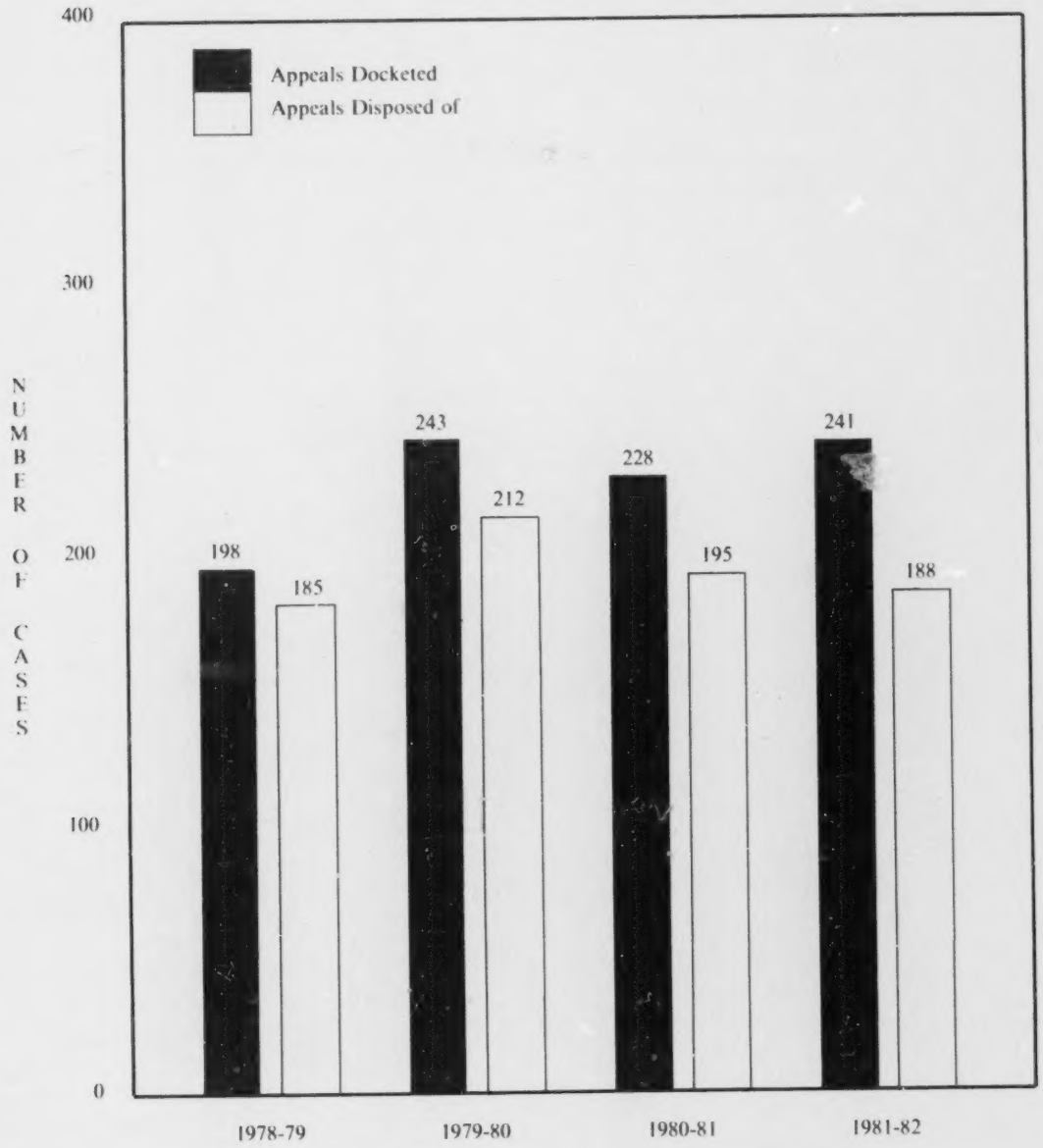
Number of Supreme Court Pending Cases By Status and Age as of June 30, 1982

	Not Ready for Oral Argument or Submission															
	Awaiting Record* (Pre-Docketing)			Awaiting Appellant's Brief			Awaiting Appellee's Brief			Ready for Oral Argument			Pending Decision (Argued)			Total Pending Cases
Case Types	0-60 Days	61-150 Days	>150 Days	0-20 Days	20-40 Days	>40 Days	0-40 Days	41-60 Days	>60 Days	0-60 Days	61-90 Days	>90 Days	0-90 Days	91-150 Days	>150 Days	
Civil domestic	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	3
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Other civil	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	4	1	0	2	6	11	29
Criminal (death sentence)	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	9
Criminal (life sentence)	7	4	1	3	5	1	0	1	3	0	4	3	0	2	13	47
Other criminal	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	3	4	0	1	3	2	20
Postconviction remedy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Administrative agency decision	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	2	11
Total Appeals	**8**	**6**	**3**	**5**	**8**	**3**	**5**	**4**	**5**	**8**	**11**	**4**	**4**	**14**	**33**	**121**

*A status of Awaiting Record is applicable only in cases in which the defendant was sentenced to death or life imprisonment.

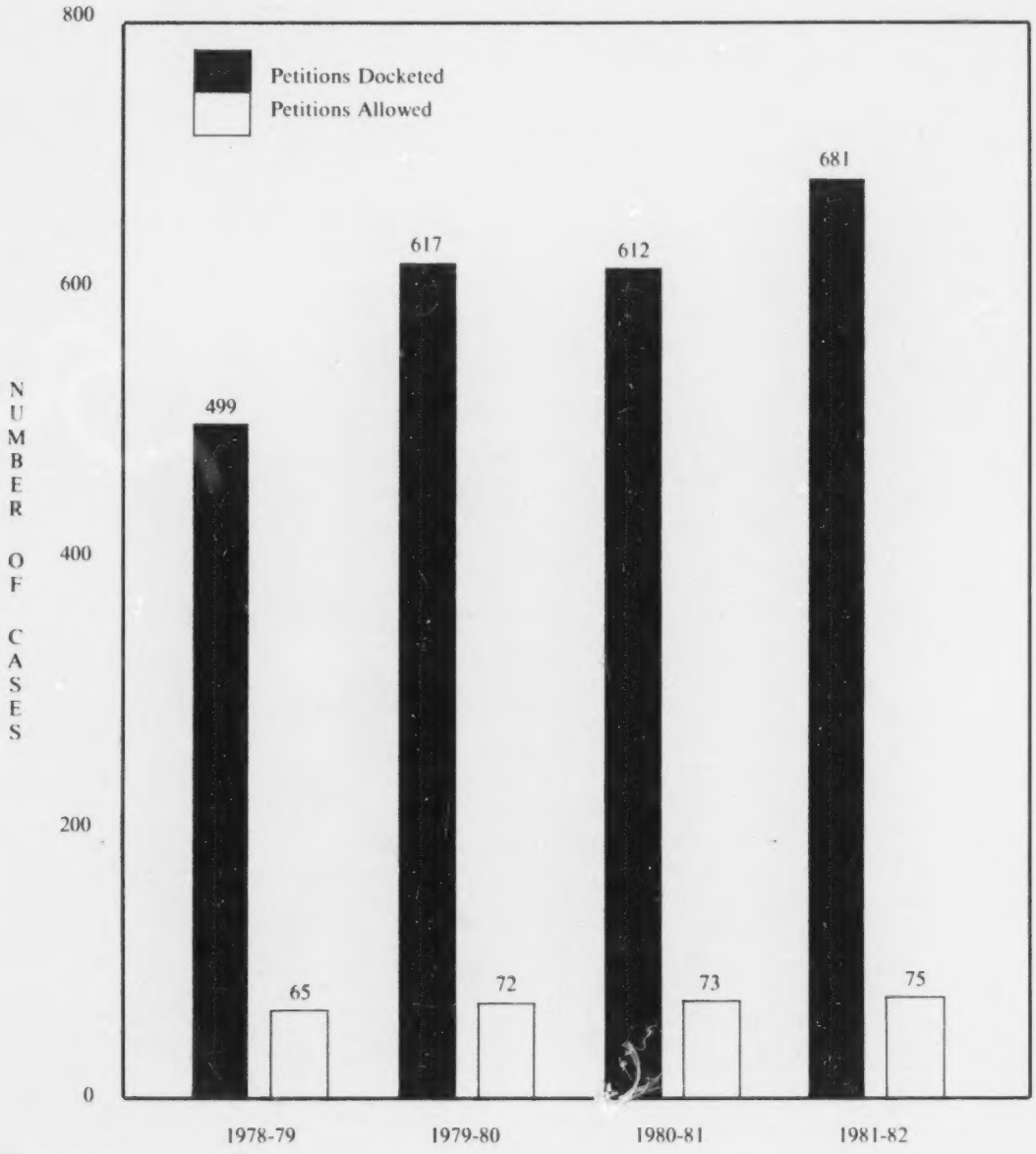
NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT

Appeals Docketed and Disposed of During the Years, 1978-79—1981-82



NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT

Petitions Docketed and Allowed During the Years, 1978-79—1981-82



THE COURT OF APPEALS OF NORTH CAROLINA*

Chief Judge
NAOMI E. MORRIS

Judges

R. A. HEDRICK
EARL W. VAUGHN
ROBERT M. MARTIN
EDWARD B. CLARK
GERALD ARNOLD
JOHN WEBB
HARRY C. MARTIN
HUGH A. WELLS
CECIL J. HILL
WILLIS P. WHICHARD
CHARLES L. BECTON

Retired Judges
HUGH B. CAMPBELL
FRANK M. PARKER

Clerk
FRANCIS E. DAIL

*As of 30 June 1982

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1981-82

The Court of Appeals

The 12-judge Court of Appeals is North Carolina's intermediate appellate court; it hears a majority of the appeals originating from the State's trial courts. The Court regularly sits in Raleigh, and it may sit in other locations in the State as authorized by the Supreme Court. Sessions outside of Raleigh have not been regular or frequent. Judges of the Court of Appeals are elected by popular vote for eight-year terms. A Chief Judge for the Court is designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and serves in that capacity at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.

Cases are heard by panels of three judges, with the Chief Justice responsible for assigning members of the Court to the four panels. Insofar as practicable, each judge is to be assigned to sit a substantially equal number of times with each other judge. The Chief Judge presides over the panel of which he or she is a member and designates a presiding judge for the other panels.

The Chief Judge (or another member of the Court of Appeals designated by the Chief Judge) is an *ex officio* member of the Judicial Council. One member of the Court of Appeals, designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, serves as chairman of the Judicial Standards Commission.

Jurisdiction

The bulk of the caseload of the Court of Appeals consists of cases appealed from the trial courts. The Court also hears appeals directly from any final order or decision of the North Carolina Utilities Commission*; the Industrial Commission; certain final orders or decisions of the North Carolina State Bar and the Commissioner of Insurance; and appeals from certain final orders or decisions of the Property Tax Commission. (Appeals from the decisions of other administrative agencies lie first within the jurisdiction of the superior courts.)

In the event of a recommendation from the Judicial Standards Commission to censure or remove from office a justice of the Supreme Court, the (non-binding) recommendation would be considered by the Chief Judge and the six judges next senior in service on the Court of Appeals (excluding the judge who serves as the Commission's chairman). Such seven-member panel would have sole jurisdiction to act upon the Commission's recommendation.

Expenses of the Court, 1981-82

Operating expenses of the Court of Appeals during the 1981-82 fiscal year totalled $1,945,081, an increase of 3.4% over 1980-81 expenditures of $1,881,570. Expenditures for the Court of Appeals during 1981-82 amounted to 2.2% of all General Fund expenditures for operation of the entire Judicial Department during the fiscal year. This percentage share of the total is virtually identical to the Court of Appeals' percentage share of the Judicial Department total in the 1980-81 fiscal year.

Case Data, 1981-82

A total of 1,413 appealed cases were filed before the Court of Appeals during the period, July 1, 1980 - June 30, 1982. A total of 1,212 cases were disposed of during the same period. During the same year, a total of 581 petitions and 1,228 motions were filed before the Court of Appeals.

Greater detail on the workload of the Court of Appeals is shown in the tables and graph on the following pages.

*An amendment to Article IV, Section 12(1) of the State Constitution was approved by the voters at the June, 1982 election, and effective January 1, 1983, it authorizes the General Assembly to provide for appeals from the Utilities Commission directly to the Supreme Court. Such legislation has not yet been enacted.

FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

July 1, 1981-June 30, 1982

Cases on Appeal	Filings	Dispositions
Civil cases appealed from district courts	249	
Civil cases appealed from superior courts	515	
Civil cases appealed from administrative agencies	90	
Criminal cases appealed from superior courts	559	
Total	**1,413**	**1,212**
Petitions		
Allowed		68
Denied		499
Remanded		2
Total	**581**	**569**
Motions		
Allowed		1,109
Denied		330
Total	**1,228**	**1,439**
Total Cases on Appeal, Petitions and Motions	**3,222**	**3,220**

INVENTORY OF CASES APPEALED TO THE COURT OF APPEALS

July 1, 1981-June 30, 1982

Judicial Division	Judicial District	Cases Filed			Other Appeals	Total Cases Filed	Total Cases Disposed
		Appeals from District Courts	Appeals from Superior Court				
			Civil	Criminal			
I	1	5	16	17	0	38	24
	2	3	11	9	0	23	24
	3	6	28	26	0	60	46
	4	11	11	33	0	55	24
	5	11	15	21	0	47	39
	6	2	5	8	0	15	23
	7	2	7	15	0	24	16
	8	8	18	30	0	56	40
II	9	1	7	8	0	16	14
	10	24	56	25	90	195	164
	11	12	8	6	0	26	16
	12	15	10	37	0	62	69
	13	3	2	4	0	9	10
	14	6	25	21	0	52	59
	15A/B*	6	26	19	0	51	46
	16	5	4	14	0	23	22
III	17A/B*	5	13	11	0	29	30
	18	17	34	36	0	87	80
	19A/B*	8	11	22	0	41	31
	20	5	15	19	0	39	40
	21	19	28	30	0	77	69
	22	6	22	8	0	36	19
	23	12	11	8	0	31	28
IV	24	2	6	7	0	15	8
	25	10	20	21	0	51	35
	26	18	41	48	0	107	85
	27A/B*	3	21	30	0	54	51
	28	10	14	7	0	31	43
	29	9	16	17	0	42	39
	30	5	14	2	0	21	18
Totals		**249**	**515**	**559**	**90**	**1,413**	**1,212**

*Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 17A and 17B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CASES BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEALS

July 1, 1981-June 30, 1982

Judicial Division	Judicial District	Cases Disposed by Written Opinion				Other Cases Disposed	Total Cases Disposed
		Cases Affirmed	Cases Reversed	Cases Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part	Total Cases by Written Opinion		
I	1	18	3	2	23	1	24
	2	19	4	1	24	0	24
	3	31	10	2	43	3	46
	4	15	8	0	23	1	24
	5	30	5	1	36	3	39
	6	13	9	0	22	1	23
	7	9	6	0	15	1	16
	8	31	4	4	39	1	40
II	9	8	4	0	12	2	14
	10	94	46	8	148	16	164
	11	13	1	1	15	1	16
	12	58	8	0	66	3	69
	13	5	3	2	10	0	10
	14	37	13	2	52	7	59
	15A/B*	29	8	5	42	4	46
	16	17	3	0	20	2	22
III	17A/B*	12	14	2	28	2	30
	18	54	19	1	74	6	80
	19A/B*	24	3	2	29	2	31
	20	32	5	1	38	2	40
	21	41	17	6	64	5	69
	22	8	6	3	17	2	19
	23	15	7	1	23	5	28
IV	24	3	4	0	7	1	8
	25	22	6	5	33	2	35
	26	58	16	4	78	7	85
	27A/B*	36	7	0	43	8	51
	28	31	12	0	43	0	43
	29	26	7	2	35	4	39
	30	12	4	1	17	1	18
TOTALS		**801**	**262**	**56**	**1,119**	**93**	**1,212**

*Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 17A and 17B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.

INVENTORY OF MOTIONS AND PETITIONS BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEALS

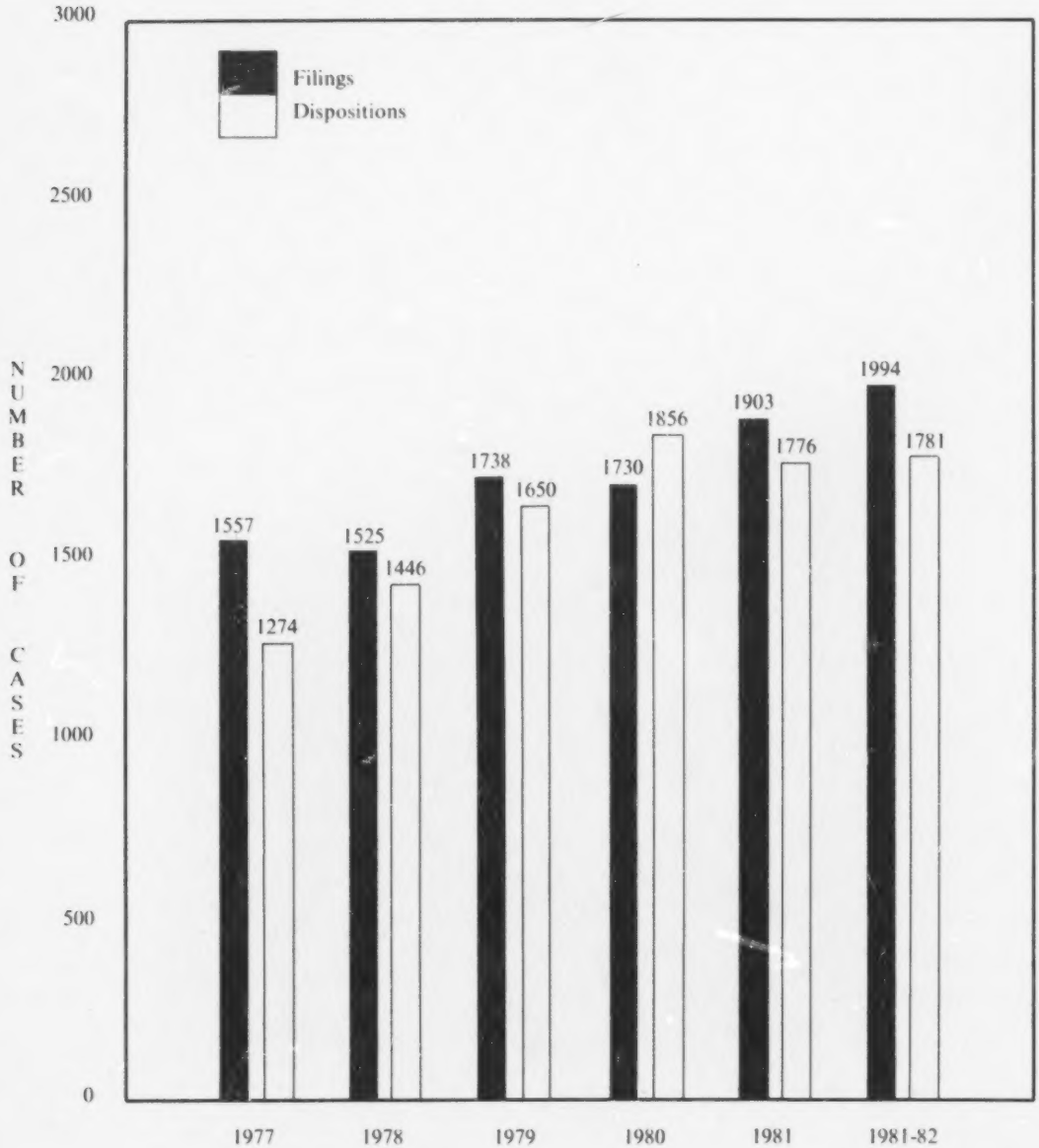
July 1, 1981-June 30, 1982

Judicial Division	Judicial District	Motions Filed	Petitions Filed	Total Filed	Motions Disposed			Petitions Disposed			Total Disposed
					Allowed	Denied	Remanded	Allowed	Denied	Remanded	
I	1	18	9	27	19	5	0	1	8	0	33
	2	20	12	32	13	7	0	1	10	0	31
	3	43	14	57	49	4	0	2	11	0	66
	4	47	15	62	50	10	0	1	13	0	74
	5	29	33	62	45	7	0	2	28	0	82
	6	17	13	30	12	9	0	4	8	1	34
	7	12	23	35	16	0	0	2	22	0	40
	8	37	14	51	38	5	0	2	12	0	57
II	9	22	12	34	15	4	0	1	12	0	32
	10	194	88	282	165	57	0	13	69	0	304
	11	6	11	17	12	5	0	0	9	0	26
	12	56	42	98	53	8	0	3	40	0	104
	13	5	5	10	8	1	0	0	5	0	14
	14	49	26	75	46	7	0	5	17	0	75
	15A/B*	56	16	72	53	16	0	4	13	0	86
	16	14	20	34	20	2	0	2	19	0	43
III	17A/B*	36	12	48	25	11	0	2	12	0	50
	18	79	29	108	67	29	0	5	22	0	123
	19A/B*	29	22	51	19	11	0	4	19	0	53
	20	37	29	66	31	11	0	1	28	0	71
	21	47	14	61	37	16	0	0	13	0	66
	22	23	11	34	16	15	0	2	9	0	42
	23	32	3	35	25	9	0	0	3	0	37
IV	24	28	3	31	21	9	0	0	3	0	33
	25	45	16	61	46	8	0	4	13	1	72
	26	97	32	129	90	19	0	2	33	0	144
	27A/B*	55	20	75	46	11	0	0	19	0	76
	28	24	11	35	17	8	0	1	9	0	35
	29	37	17	54	30	13	0	3	13	0	59
	30	34	9	43	25	13	0	1	7	0	46
Totals		**1,228**	**581**	**1,809**	**1,109**	**330**	**0**	**68**	**499**	**2**	**2,008**

*Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 17A and 17B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.

FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

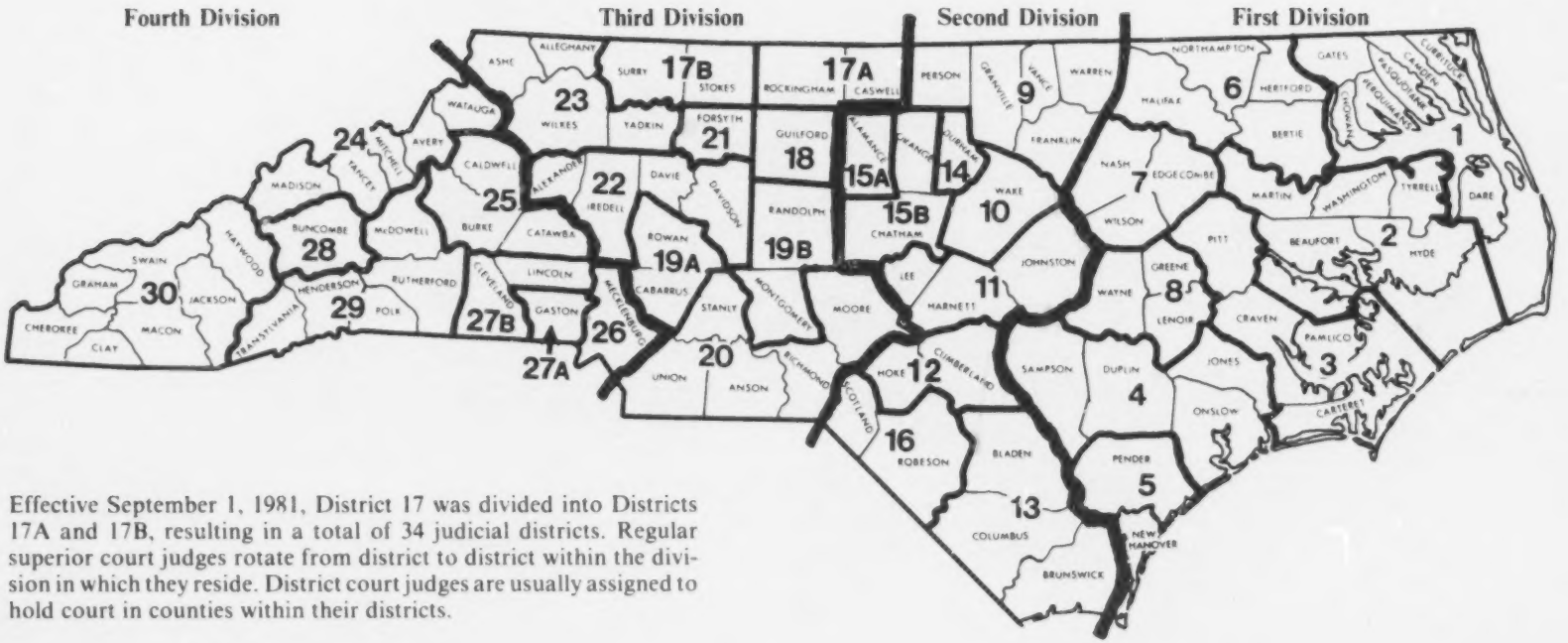
1977-1981



Filings and dispositions in this graph include appealed cases and petitions (not motions) in the Court of Appeals. The 1981-82 bar is the only fiscal year bar in the graph; the data portrayed there overlap the 1981 (calendar year) data by six months. During 1981-82, filings exceeded dispositions by 213, the largest difference since 1977.

THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

North Carolina Judicial Districts and Divisions



Effective September 1, 1981, District 17 was divided into Districts 17A and 17B, resulting in a total of 34 judicial districts. Regular superior court judges rotate from district to district within the division in which they reside. District court judges are usually assigned to hold court in counties within their districts.

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JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT*
(As of June 30, 1982)

FIRST DIVISION

District	
1	J. Herbert Small, Elizabeth City
2	Elbert S. Peel, Jr., Williamston
3	Robert D. Rouse, Jr., Farmville David E. Reid, Jr., Greenville
4	Henry L. Stevens, III, Kenansville James R. Strickland, Jacksonville
5	Bradford Tillery, Wilmington Napoleon B. Barefoot, Wilmington
6	Richard B. Allsbrook, Roanoke Rapids
7	Franklin R. Brown, Tarboro Charles B. Winberry, Rocky Mount
8	R. Michael Bruce, Mount Olive James D. Llewellyn, Kinston

SECOND DIVISION

9	Robert H. Hobgood, Louisburg
10	James H. Pou Bailey, Raleigh Robert L. Farmer, Raleigh A. Pilston Godwin, Jr., Raleigh Edwin S. Preston, Jr., Raleigh
11	Wiley F. Bowen, Dunn
12	E. Maurice Braswell, Fayetteville Coy E. Brewer, Jr., Fayetteville D.B. Herring, Jr., Fayetteville
13	Giles R. Clark, Elizabethtown
14	Thomas H. Lee, Durham Anthony M. Brannon, Bahama John C. Martin, Durham
15A	D. Marsh McLelland, Burlington
15B	F. Gordon Battle, Chapel Hill
16	Samuel E. Britt, Lumberton

THIRD DIVISION

District	
17A	Melzer A. Morgan, Jr., Wentworth
17B	James M. Long, Pilot Mountain
18	Charles T. Kivett, Greensboro W. Douglas Albright, Greensboro Edward K. Washington, Greensboro
19A	Thomas W. Seay, Jr., Spencer James C. Davis, Concord
19B	Hal H. Walker, Asheboro
20	F. Fetzer Mills, Wadesboro William H. Helms, Wingate
21	William Z. Wood, Winston-Salem Judson D. DeRamus Jr., Winston-Salem William H. Freeman, Winston-Salem
22	Robert A. Collier, Jr., Statesville Peter W. Hairston, Advance
23	Julius A. Rousseau, Jr., North Wilkesboro

FOURTH DIVISION

24	Ronald W. Howell, Marshall
25	Forrest A. Ferrell, Hickory Claude S. Sitton, Morganton
26	Frank W. Snepp, Jr., Charlotte Robert M. Burroughs, Charlotte Kenneth A. Griffin, Charlotte William T. Grist, Charlotte Clifton E. Johnson, Charlotte
27A	Robert W. Kirby, Cherryville Robert E. Gaines, Gastonia
27B	John R. Friday, Lincolnton
28	Robert D. Lewis, Asheville C. Walter Allen, Asheville
29	Hollis M. Owens, Rutherfordton
30	Lacy H. Thornburg, Webster

*In districts with more than one resident judge, the senior resident judge is listed first.

SPECIAL JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT*

Clarence P. Cornelius, Mooresville
James A. Beatty, Jr., Winston-Salem
Charles C. Lamm, Jr., Boone
Arthur L. Lane, Fayetteville
Donald L. Smith, Raleigh
Russell G. Walker, Asheboro

EMERGENCY JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT

Albert W. Cowper, Kinston
George M. Fountain, Tarboro
Hamilton H. Hobgood, Louisburg

The Conference of Superior Court Judges
(Officers as of June 30, 1982)

Elbert S. Peel, Jr., Williamston, *President*

A. Pilston Godwin, Jr., Raleigh, *President-Elect*

Robert D. Rouse, Jr., Farmville, *Vice President*

Robert M. Burroughs, Charlotte, *Secretary-Treasurer*

Thomas W. Seay, Jr., Spencer, and Lacy H. Thornburg, Webster, *Additional Executive Committee Members*

*On June 30, 1982, two special superior court judgeships were vacant.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1981-82

The Superior Courts

North Carolina's superior courts are the general jurisdiction trial courts for the State. In 1981-82, there were 60 "resident" superior court judges elected to office in the 34 judicial districts for eight-year terms by Statewide ballot. In addition, eight "special" superior court judges are appointed by the Governor for four-year terms.

Jurisdiction

The superior court has original jurisdiction in all felony cases and in those misdemeanor cases which originate by grand jury indictment. (Most misdemeanors are tried first in the district court, from which conviction may be appealed to the superior court for trial *de novo* by a jury. No trial by jury is available for criminal cases in district court.) The superior court is the proper court for the trial of civil cases where the amount in controversy exceeds $5,000*, and it has jurisdiction over appeals from all administrative agencies except the Utilities Commission, Industrial Commission, certain rulings of the Commissioner of Insurance, the Board of Bar Examiners of the North Carolina State Bar, and the Property Tax Commission. Appeals from these agencies lie directly to the North Carolina Court of Appeals.** Regardless of the amount in controversy, the original civil jurisdiction of the superior court does not include domestic relations cases, which are heard in the district courts, or probate and estates matters and certain special proceedings heard first by the clerk of superior court as *ex officio* judge of probate. Rulings of the clerk are within the appellate jurisdiction of the superior court.

Administration

The 100 counties of North Carolina were grouped into 34 judicial districts during 1981-82. Each district has at least one resident superior court judge who has certain administrative responsibilities for his home district, such as providing for civil case calendaring procedures. (Criminal case calendars are prepared by the district attorneys.) In districts with more than one resident superior court judge, the judge senior in service on the superior court bench exercises these supervisory powers.

The judicial districts are grouped into four divisions for the rotation of superior court judges, as shown on the map on Page 27. Within the division, a resident superior court judge is required to rotate through the judicial districts, holding court for at least six months in each, then moving on to his next assignment. A special superior court judge may be assigned to hold court in any of the 100 counties. Assignments of all superior court judges are made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Under the Constitution of North Carolina, at least two sessions (a week each) of superior court are held annually in each of the 100 counties. The vast majority of counties have more than the Constitutional minimum of two weeks of superior court annually. Many larger counties have superior court in session about every week in the year.

Resources

A total of $17,618,583 was expended on the operation of the superior courts during the 1981-82 fiscal year. This represents an increase of 8% over 1980-81 expenditures of $16,308,092. Total expenditures include costs for the State's district attorneys' offices, as well as the salaries and operating expenses of the 68 superior court judges, the court reporters assigned to superior court, and staff support. The 1981-82 total amounted to 19.9% of the General Fund expenditures for the operations of the Judicial Department. This percentage is approximately the same as the superior courts' percentage share of total Judicial Department expenditures in 1980-81.

1981-82 Caseload

Including both civil and criminal cases, a total of 84,571 cases were filed in the superior courts during 1981-82, an increase of 2,130 cases (2.6%) over the total of 82,441 cases that were filed in 1980-81. The increase in filings represents a considerable drop in the rate of increase when compared with the superior court filing levels in previous years. The average annual increase in the number of cases filed in the four years prior to 1981-82 was 6,925 cases.

Superior court case dispositions also increased from 80,303 in 1980-81 to combined criminal and civil dispositions in 1981-82 of 82,165. This disposition rate did not equal the number of cases filed. As a result, there was an increase of six percent in the total number of superior court cases pending, from 34,260 cases at the beginning of the fiscal year to a total of 36,301 on June 30, 1982.

More detailed information on the flow of cases through the superior courts is included in Part IV of this report.

*Increased to $10,000, effective July 1, 1982.

**An amendment to Article IV, Section 12(1) of the State Constitution was approved by the voters at the June, 1982 election, and effective January 1, 1983, it authorizes the General Assembly to provide for appeals from the Utilities Commission directly to the Supreme Court. Such legislation has not yet been enacted.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES*
(As of June 30, 1982)

District	
1	John T. Chaffin, Elizabeth City Grafton G. Beaman, Elizabeth City John R. Parker, Elizabeth City
2	Hallett S. Ward, Washington James W. Hardison, Williamston
3	Herbert O. Phillips, III, Morehead City E. Burt Aycock, Jr., Greenville James E. Martin, Bethel James E. Regan, Oriental H. Horton Roundtree, Greenville Robert D. Wheeler, Grifton
4	Kenneth W. Turner, Rose Hill E. Alex Erwin, III, Jacksonville Walter P. Henderson, Trenton James N. Martin, Clinton Stephen M. Williamson, Kenansville
5	Gilbert H. Burnett, Wilmington Carter T. Lambeth, Wilmington Charles H. Rice, III, Wilmington John M. Walker, Wilmington
6	Nicholas Long, Roanoke Rapids Harold P. McCoy, Scotland Neck Robert E. Williford, Lewiston
7	George Britt, Tarboro James E. Ezzell, Rocky Mount Allen W. Harrell, Wilson Albert S. Thomas, Jr., Wilson
8	J. Patrick Exum, Kinston Kenneth R. Ellis, Fremont Rodney R. Goodman, Kinston Arnold O. Jones, Goldsboro Paul M. Wright, Goldsboro
9	Claude W. Allen, Jr., Oxford Ben U. Allen, Jr., Henderson J. Larry Senter, Franklinton Charles W. Wilkinson, Oxford
10	George F. Bason, Raleigh Henry V. Barnette, Jr., Raleigh Stafford G. Bullock, Raleigh George R. Greene, Raleigh Narley L. Cashwell, Raleigh Russell G. Sherrill, III, Raleigh Philip O. Redwine, Raleigh Acie L. Ward, Raleigh
11	Elton C. Pridgen, Smithfield William Christian, Sanford K. Edward Greene, Dunn W. Pope Lyon, Smithfield
12	Sol. G. Cherry, Fayetteville Joseph E. Dupree, Raeford Charles Lee Guy, Fayetteville Lacy S. Hair, Fayetteville Anna E. Keever, Fayetteville
13	William E. Wood, Whiteville William C. Gore, Jr., Whiteville J. Wilton Hunt, Sr., Whiteville Roy D. Trest, Shallotte
14	J. Milton Read, Jr., Durham Karen B. Galloway, Durham David Q. LaBarre, Durham William G. Pearson, II, Durham
15A	J.B. Allen, Jr., Burlington W.S. Harris, Jr., Graham James K. Washburn, Burlington
15B	Stanley Peele, Chapel Hill Patricia S. Hunt, Hillsborough Donald L. Paschal, Siler City
16	John S. Gardner, Lumberton B. Craig Ellis, Laurinburg Charles G. McLean, Lumberton Herbert L. Richardson, Lumberton
17	Leonard H. vanNoppen, Danbury Foy Clark, Mount Airy Jerry Cash Martin, Mount Airy Peter M. McHugh, Reidsville
18	Robert L. Cecil, High Point Robert Bencini, Jr., High Point William L. Daisy, Greensboro Thomas G. Foster, Jr., Greensboro William K. Hunter, High Point Joseph R. John, Greensboro Edmund Lowe, High Point John F. Yeattes, Jr., Greensboro
19A	Robert L. Warren, Concord Adam C. Grant, Jr., Concord Clarence E. Horton, Jr., Kannapolis Frank M. Montgomery, Salisbury

*The Chief District Court Judge for each district is listed first.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES*
(As of June 30, 1982)

District

19B L.T. Hammond, Jr., Asheboro
William M. Neely, Asheboro

20 Donald R. Huffman, Wadesboro
Michael E. Beale, Southern Pines
Ronald W. Burris, Albemarle
Kenneth W. Honneycutt, Monroe
Walter M. Lampley, Rockingham

21 Abner Alexander, Winston-Salem
James A. Harrill, Jr., Winston-Salem
Robert Kason Keiger, Winston-Salem
David R. Tanis, Winston-Salem
Gary B. Tash, Winston-Salem

22 Lester P. Martin, Jr., Mocksville
Samuel A. Cathey, Statesville
George T. Fuller, Lexington
Robert W. Johnson, Statesville

23 Samuel T. Osborne, Wilkesboro
Max F. Ferree, Wilkesboro
John T. Kilby, Jefferson

24 Robert H. Lacey, Newland
Charles P. Ginn, Boone
R. Alexander Lyerly, Banner Elk

25 Livingston Vernon, Morganton
Edward J. Crotty, Hickory
Robert A. Mullinax, Newton
L. Oliver Noble, Jr., Hickory
Samuel McD. Tate, Morganton

District

26 Chase B. Saunders, Charlotte
Walter H. Bennett, Jr., Charlotte
L. Stanley Brown, Charlotte
Daphene L. Cantrell, Charlotte
Resa L. Harris, Charlotte
William G. Jones, Charlotte
James E. Lanning, Charlotte
Theodore P. Matus, II, Charlotte
William H. Scarborough, Charlotte
T. Michael Todd, Charlotte

27A Lewis Bulwinkle, Gastonia
Berlin H. Carpenter, Jr., Gastonia
J. Ralph Phillips, Gastonia
Donald E. Ramseur, Gastonia

27B A. Max Harris, Ellenboro
James T. Bowen, Lincolnton
George W. Hamrick, Shelby

28 James O. Israel, Jr., Candler
Earl J. Fowler, Jr., Arden
Peter L. Roda, Asheville
William Marion Styles, Black Mountain

29 Robert T. Gash, Brevard
Loto J. Greenlee, Marion
Zoro J. Guice, Jr., Hendersonville
Thomas N. Hix, Hendersonville

30 Robert Leatherwood, III, Bryson City
J. Charles McDarris, Waynesville
John J. Snow, Jr., Murphy

The Association of District Court Judges
(Officers as of June 30, 1982)

Nicholas Long, Roanoke Rapids, *President*

Samuel McD. Tate, Morganton, *Vice President*

J. B. Allen, Jr., Burlington, *Secretary-Treasurer*

George M. Britt, Tarboro
Earl J. Fowler, Jr., Arden
William G. Pearson, III, Durham
Additional Executive Committee Members

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ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1981-82

The District Courts

North Carolina's district courts are trial courts with original jurisdiction of the overwhelming majority of the cases handled by the State's court system. There were 142 district court judges serving in 34 judicial districts during 1980-81. These judges are elected to four-year terms by the voters of their respective districts.

A total of 620* magistrate positions were authorized as of June 30, 1982. Of this number, 520 positions were designated as full-time, and 100 positions were specified as part-time. Magistrates are appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from nominations submitted by the clerk of superior court of their county, and they are supervised by the chief district court judge of their district.

Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of the district court extends to virtually all misdemeanor cases, probable cause hearings in most felony cases, all juvenile proceedings, involuntary commitments and recommitments to mental hospitals, and domestic relations cases. The district courts have concurrent jurisdiction with the superior courts in general civil cases, but the district courts are the proper courts for the trial of civil cases where the amount in controversy is $5,000** or less. Upon the plaintiff's request, a civil case in which the amount in controversy is $1,000*** or less, may be designated a "small claims" case and assigned by the chief district court judge to a magistrate for hearing. Magistrates are empowered to try worthless check criminal cases when the value of the check does not exceed $500****. In addition, they may accept written appearances, waivers of trial, and pleas of guilty in such worthless check cases when the amount of the check is $500 or less, the offender has made restitution, and the offender has fewer than four previous worthless check convictions. Magistrates may also accept waviers of appearance and pleas of guilty in traffic cases for which a uniform schedule of fines has been adopted by the Conference of Chief District Judges. Magistrates also conduct initial hearings to fix conditions of release for arrested defendants, and they are empowered to issue arrest and search warrants.

Administration

A chief district judge is appointed for each judicial district by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court from among the elected judges in the respective districts. Subject to the Chief Justice's general supervision, each chief judge exercises administrative supervision and authority over the operation of the district courts and magistrates in his district. Each chief judge is responsible for: scheduling sessions of district court and assigning judges; supervising the calendaring of noncriminal cases; assigning matters to magistrates; making arrangements for court reporting and jury trials in civil cases; and supervising the discharge of clerical functions in the district courts.

The chief district court judges meet in conference at least once a year upon the call of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Among other matters, this annual conference adopts a uniform schedule of traffic offenses and fines for their violation for use by magistrates and clerks of court in accepting defendants' waivers of appearance and guilty pleas.

The Conference of Chief District Court Judges
(Officers as of June 30, 1982)

J. Milton Read, Durham, *Chairman*

Hallett S. Ward, Washington, *Vice Chairman*

Resources

Total expenditures for the operation of the district courts in 1981-82 amounted to $17,022,936. This is an increase of 6.7% over 1980-81 expenditures of $15,953,309. Included in this total are expenses of court reporters for district courts as well as personnel costs of district court judges and magistrates. The 1981-82 total is 19.2% of the General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department, a slight drop of 0.4% in the district courts' percentage share of total Judicial Department expenditures for the previous fiscal year.

1981-82 Caseload

During 1981-82 the statewide total of district court filings (civil and criminal) dropped by 6.5% from the number reported for 1980-81. Not including juvenile proceedings and mental hospital commitment hearings, the filing total in 1981-82 was 1,421,309, a decrease of 99,517 from the 1,520,826 cases reported for 1980-81. The non-motor vehicle criminal case category was the only one to register an increase in 1981-82 over the previous year. This category had a total of 418,176 cases filed in 1981-82, an increase of 3.8% over the 402,900 cases filed in 1980-81. There was a 5.4% decrease in combined civil case filings (general civil, domestic relations, small claims, and small claim appeals), from a total of 344,483 cases in 1980-81 to 325,886 in 1981-82. The largest reduction in filings was in the motor vehicle criminal case category, from the 1980-81 total of 773,443 cases to the 1981-82 total of 667,247 cases, a reduction of 96,196 (12.4%) cases.

More detailed information on district court civil and criminal caseloads is contained in Part IV of this *Report*.

*The total number of authorized magistrate positions was reduced to 609 July 1, 1982.
**Increased to $10,000, effective July 1, 1982.
***Increased from $800, effective October 1, 1981.
****Increased from $400, effective October 1, 1981.

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
(As of June 30, 1982)

District	
1	THOMAS S. WATTS, Elizabeth City
2	WILLIAM C. GRIFFIN, JR., Williamston
3A	ELI BLOOM, Greenville
3B	WILLIAM D. McFADYEN, New Bern
4	WILLIAM H. ANDREWS, Jacksonville
5	W. ALLEN COBB, Wilmington
6	W.E. MURPHREY, III, Jackson
7	HOWARD S. BONEY, JR., Tarboro
8	DONALD JACOBS, Goldsboro
9	DAVID R. WATERS, Oxford
10	J. RANDOLPH RILEY, Raleigh
11	JOHN W. TWISDALE, Smithfield
12	EDWARD W. GRANNIS, JR., Fayetteville
13	LEE J. GREER, Whiteville
14	DAN K. EDWARDS, JR., Durham
15A	HERBERT F. PIERCE, Graham
15B	WADE BARBER, JR., Pittsboro
16	JOE FREEMAN BRITT, Lumberton
17A	PHILIP W. ALLEN, Wentworth
17B	TERRY L. COLLINS, Dobson
18	MICHAEL A. SCHLOSSER, Greensboro
19A	JAMES E. ROBERTS, Concord
19B	GARLAND N. YATES, Asheboro
20	CARROLL LOWDER, Monroe
21	DONALD K. TISDALE, Winston-Salem
22	H.W. ZIMMERMAN, JR., Lexington
23	MICHAEL A. ASHBURN, North Wilkesboro
24	CLYDE M. ROBERTS, Marshall
25	DONALD E. GREENE, Newton
26	PETER S. GILCHRIST, Charlotte
27A	JOSEPH G. BROWN, Gastonia
27B	W. HAMPTON CHILDS, JR., Lincolnton
28	RONALD C. BROWN, Asheville
29	M. LEONARD LOWE, Rutherfordton
30	MARCELLUS BUCHANAN, III, Sylva

The District Attorneys Association
(Officers as of June 30, 1982)

Randolph Riley, Raleigh, *President*

Ronald C. Brown, Asheville, *Vice President*

William Andrews, Jacksonville, *Vice President for Legislative Affairs*

John Smith, Wilmington, *Secretary-Treasurer*

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1981-82

The District Attorneys

The State is divided into 35 prosecutorial districts which, with one exception, correspond to the 34 judicial districts. By act of the 1981 Session of the General Assembly, the 3rd Judicial District was divided into two separate prosecutorial districts, Prosecutorial Districts 3A and 3B, effective October 1, 1981. Prosecutorial District 3A consists of Pitt County, and Prosecutorial District 3B is comprised of Craven, Carteret, and Pamlico. (G.S. 7A-60) A district attorney is elected by the voters in each of the 35 districts for four-year terms.

Duties

The district attorney represents the State in all criminal actions brought in the superior and district courts in his district. In addition to his prosecutorial functions, the district attorney is responsible for calendaring criminal cases for trial.

Resources

Each district attorney may employ on a full-time basis the number of assistant district attorneys authorized by statute for his district. As of June 30, 1982, a total of 211 assistant district attorneys were authorized for the 35 prosecutorial districts. The district attorney of District 26 (Mecklenburg County) had the largest staff (19 assistants) and the district attorney of District 24 had the smallest (two assistants).

District attorneys are also authorized to employ full-time administrative assistants to aid in preparing cases for trial and to expedite the criminal court docket. As of June 30, 1982, there was a total of 32 administrative assistant positions established. The district attorney in 19 of the 35 districts is empowered to employ an investigatorial assistant who aids in the investigation of cases prior to trial.

1981-82 Caseload

A total of 69,607 criminal cases were filed in the superior courts during 1981-82, consisting of 42,802 felony cases and 26,805 misdemeanor appeals from the district courts. The total number of filings in the superior courts (felonies and misdemeanor appeals) in the previous year was 68,685. The increase of 922 cases in 1981-82 represents a 1.3% increase over the 1980-81 total.

Total criminal cases disposed of by the superior courts in 1981-82 equalled 67,183. There were 40,715 felony dispositions; the number of misdemeanor appeals disposed of was 26,468. Compared with 1980-81, total criminal case dispositions increased by 619 cases over the 66,564 cases disposed of in that fiscal year. The median ages of 1981-82 criminal cases at disposition in the superior courts were 73 days for felony cases and 62 days for misdemeanor appeals. In 1980-81, the median age of felony cases at disposition was 71 days, and the median age at disposition for misdemeanor appeals was 64 days.

Dispositions by jury trial in the superior courts, for felonies and misdemeanors, totalled 3,793 cases, or 5.6% of total criminal case dispositions in the superior courts. This was a decrease from jury dispositions of 4,264 (6.4% of total dispositions) during the 1980-81 year. As is evident, a very small proportion of all criminal cases utilize the great proportion of superior court time and resources required to handle the criminal caseload.

By contrast, in 1981-82 a majority of criminal case dispositions in superior courts (36,043 or 53.6%) were processed on submission of guilty pleas, not requiring a trial. This was virtually the same percentage of guilty plea dispositions as was reported for 1980-81.

"Dismissal by district attorney" accounted for a significant percentage of all dispositions during 1981-82: a total of 19,572 cases, or 29.1% of all dispositions. This proportion is comparable to that recorded for prior years. Many of the dismissals involved the situation of two or more cases pending against the same defendant, resulting in a plea bargain agreement where the defendant pleads guilty to some charges in exchange for a dismissal of others.

There was an increase in the number of speedy trial dismissals in superior courts, from 46 cases in 1980-81 to 63 cases in 1981-82.

The total number of criminal cases disposed of in the superior courts was 2,424 cases less than the total number of cases filed in 1981-82. Consequently, the number of pending criminal cases in superior court increased from 18,433 at the beginning of the fiscal year to a total at year's end of 20,857, an increase of 13.2%.

The median age of *pending* felony cases rose from 81 days in 1980-81 to 83 days during 1981-82. A similar increase was recorded for misdemeanor appeals where the median age of cases *pending* rose from 64 days in 1980-81 to 69 days in 1981-82.

In the district courts, a total of 1,095,423 criminal cases were filed during 1981-82. This total consisted of 677,247 motor vehicle criminal cases and 418,176 non-motor vehicle criminal cases. A comparison of total filings in 1981-82 with total filings (1,176,343) in 1980-81 reveals a decrease in district court criminal filing activity of 80,920 cases or 6.9%. The substantial drop in motor vehicle criminal case filings was responsible for all of this decrease. Filings in the motor vehicle case category fell by 96,196 cases, from 773,443 cases in 1980-81 to 677,247 cases in 1981-82, a decline of 12.4%.

As motor vehicle criminal case filings fell in 1981-82, filings in the non-motor vehicle criminal case category increased by 15,276 cases (3.8%) from a total of 402,900 in 1980-81 to 418,176 in 1981-82.

Total dispositions during 1981-82 in the motor vehicle criminal case category amounted to 686,816 cases. As in previous years, 56% of this total or 384,294 cases were

disposed of by waiver of appearance and entry of plea of guilty before a clerk or magistrate. This substantial number of criminal cases did not, of course, require action by the district attorneys' offices, and should not be regarded as having been a part of the district attorneys' "caseload". The remaining 302,522 motor vehicle cases were disposed of by means other than a waiver. This balance was some 14,931 cases, or 4.7% less than the 317,453 such dispositions that took place in 1980-81. (Due to a change in statistical reporting procedures, the clerks of court no longer report motor vehicle criminal cases by case file number to the Administrative Office of the Courts. Only summary total numbers of filings and dispositions are reported weekly. Therefore, it is not possible by computer-processing to obtain pending case data for the motor vehicle criminal case category.)

With respect to non-motor vehicle criminal case dispositions, a total of 401,515 such cases were disposed of in 1981-82. As with superior court criminal cases, the most frequent method of disposition was by entry of guilty plea; the next most frequent was dismissal by the district attorney. Some 149,112 cases, or 37.1%, of the dispositions were by guilty pleas. An additional 84,827 cases, or 21.1%, of the total were disposed of by prosecutor dismissal. Only eight case dispositions were by speedy trial dismissals, a substantial decrease from the 20 cases dismissed in this manner in 1980-81. The remaining cases were disposed of by waiver (14.4%), trial (11.2%), or by other means (16.2%).

During 1981-82, the median age at disposition of non-motor vehicle criminal cases was 22 days, compared with 21 days at disposition in 1980-81.

Total non-motor vehicle criminal dispositions were 16,661 cases less than total filings for the year. Therefore, the number of non-motor vehicle criminal cases pending at year's end increased to 73,309 cases from the total of 56,648 recorded at the beginning of the year. This is an increase of 29.4% in the number of pending cases. Compared with the two previous fiscal years, this rate of increase was up from the 28% increase in pending cases reported for 1980-81 and the 26.5% increase recorded for 1979-80. The median age for pending non-motor vehicle cases rose from 54 days in 1980-81 to 61 days in 1981-82.

Additional information on the criminal caseloads in superior and district courts is included in Part IV of this *Report*.

CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT
(As of June 30, 1982)

COUNTY	CLERK OF COURT
Alamance	Louise B. Wilson
Alexander	Martha J. Adams
Alleghany	Joan B. Atwood
Anson	R. Frank Hightower
Ashe	Virginia W. Johnson
Avery	Billy J. Vance
Beaufort	Bessie J. Cherry
Bertie	Thomas S. Speight
Bladen	Smithy S. Harris
Brunswick	K. Gregory Bellamy
Buncombe	J. Ray Elingburg
Burke	Major A. Joines
Cabarrus	Estus B. White
Caldwell	Geneve I. Tabilio
Camden	Catherine W. McCoy
Carteret	Mary Austin
Caswell	J.P. Moore
Catawba	Eunice W. Mauney
Chatham	Janice Oldham
Cherokee	Rose Mary Crooke
Chowan	Lena M. Leary
Clay	Ralph A. Allison
Cleveland	Ruth S. Dedmon
Columbus	Lacy R. Thompson
Craven	Dorothy Pate
Cumberland	George T. Griffin
Currituck	Wiley B. Elliot
Dare	C.S. Meekins
Davidson	Hugh Shepherd
Davie	Delores C. Jordan
Duplin	John A. Johnson
Durham	James Leo Carr
Edgecombe	Curtis Weaver
Forsyth	A.E. Blackburn
Franklin	Ralph S. Knott
Gaston	Betty B. Jenkins
Gates	Tobe Daniels, Jr.
Graham	O.W. Hooper, Jr.
Granville	Mary Ruth C. Nelms
Greene	Cleo W. McKeel
Guilford	Joseph E. Slate, Jr.
Halifax	J.C. Taylor
Harnett	Georgia Lee Brown
Haywood	William G. Henry
Henderson	Thomas H. Thompson
Hertford	Richard T. Vann
Hoke	Juanita Edmund
Hyde	Lenora R. Bright
Iredell	Carl G. Smith
Jackson	Frank Watson, Jr.
Johnston	Will R. Crocker
Jones	Ronald H. Metts
Lee	Sion H. Kelly
Lenoir	M.E. Creech
Lincoln	Nellie L. Bess
Macon	Lois S. Morris
Madison	James W. Cody
Martin	Mary K. Wynne
McDowell	Ruth B. Williams
Mecklenburg	Robert M. Blackburn
Mitchell	Arthur Ray Ledford
Montgomery	Charles M. Johnson
Moore	Charles M. McLeod
Nash	Rachel M. Joyner
New Hanover	Louise D. Rehder
Northampton	R. Jennings White, Jr.
Onslow	Everitte Barbee
Orange	Frank S. Frederick
Pamlico	Sadie W. Edwards
Pasquotank	Frances W. Thompson
Pender	Frances N. Futch
Perquimans	W.J. Ward
Person	W. Thomas Humphries
Pitt	Sandra Gaskins
Polk	Judy P. Arledge
Randolph	John H. Skeen
Richmond	Miriam F. Greene
Robeson	Dixie I. Barrington
Rockingham	Frankie C. Williams
Rowan	Francis Glover
Rutherford	Joan M. Jenkins
Sampson	Charlie T. McCullen
Scotland	C. Whitfield Gibson, Jr.
Stanly	Joe H. Lowder
Stokes	Robert Miller
Surry	David J. Beal
Swain	Harold H. Sandlin
Transylvania	Marian M. McMahon
Tyrrell	Jessie L. Spencer
Union	Nola H. McCollum
Vance	Mary Lou M. Barnett
Wake	J. Russell Nipper
Warren	Richard E. Hunter, Jr.
Washington	Louise S. Allen
Watauga	John T. Bingham
Wayne	Shelton Jordan
Wilkes	Wayne Roope
Wilson	William G. Stewart
Yadkin	Harold J. Long
Yancey	Arnold E. Higgins

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1981-82

The Clerks of Superior Court

A Clerk of Superior Court is elected for a four-year term by the voters in each of North Carolina's 100 counties. The Clerk has jurisdiction to hear and decide special proceedings and is, *ex officio*, judge of probate, in addition to performing record-keeping and administrative functions for both the superior and district courts of his county.

Jurisdiction

The original jurisdiction of the clerk of superior court includes the probate of wills and administration of decedents' estates. It also includes such "special proceedings" as adoptions, condemnations of private property under the public's right of eminent domain, proceedings to establish boundaries, foreclosures, and certain proceedings to administer the estates of minors and incompetent adults. The right of appeal from the clerks' judgments in such cases lies to the superior court.

The clerk of superior court is also empowered to issue search warrants and arrest warrants, subpoenas, and other process necessary to execute the judgments entered in the superior and district courts of his county. For certain misdemeanor criminal offenses, the clerk is authorized to accept defendants' waiver of appearance and plea of guilty and to impose a fine in accordance with a schedule established by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges.

Administration

The clerk of superior court performs administrative duties for both the superior and district courts of his county. Among these duties are the maintenance of court records and indexes, the control and accounting of funds, and the furnishing of information to the Administrative Office of the Courts.

In most counties, the clerk continues to perform certain functions related to preparation of civil case calendars, and in many counties, the clerk's staff assists the district attorney in preparing criminal case calendars as well. Policy and oversight responsibility for civil case calendaring is vested in the State's senior resident superior court judges and chief district court judges. However, day-to-day civil calendar preparation is the clerk's responsibility in all districts except those served by trial court administrators.

Resources

A total of $29,332,086 was expended in 1981-82 for the operation of the 100 clerk of superior court offices. This is an increase of 8.1% over 1980-81 expenditures of $27,140,415. In addition to the salaries and benefits of the clerks and their staffs, this total includes expenditures for jurors' fees, witness expenses, and for the supply, equipment, postage, telephone, and office expenses for all local Judicial Department personnel.* Total expenditures in 1981-82 amounted to 33.1% of the General Fund expenditures for the operations of the entire Judicial Department. This percentage share of the total for the Judicial Department is about the same as the percentage share for operations of the clerks' offices in 1980-81.

1981-82 Caseload

During 1981-82, estate case filings totalled 37,838. This was an increase of 2.9% over the 36,753 cases filed in 1980-81. Estate case dispositions totalled 36,691 cases in 1981-82, or 8.5% more than the previous year's total of 33,830. Filings in 1981-82 exceeded dispositions by 1,147 cases. This produced an increase of the same amount in the number of estate cases pending at the end of the year.

A total of 31,673 special proceedings were filed before the 100 clerks of superior court in 1981-82. This is an increase of 379 cases (1.2%) over the 31,294 filings in the previous fiscal year. During the year, total special proceedings dispositions amounted to 30,783 cases, with a resulting increase in the number of cases pending of 4.0%, from 21,992 on June 30, 1981 to 22,881 as of June 30, 1982.

More detailed information on the estates and special proceedings caseloads is included in Part IV of this *Report*.

Association of Clerks of Superior Court
(Officers as of June 30, 1982)

Lousie B. Wilson, Alamance County, *President*

George T. Griffin, Cumberland County,
First Vice President

Nola H. McCollum, Union County,
Second Vice President

Major Joines, Burke County,
Secretary

David J. Beal, Surry County,
Treasurer

*Effective July 1, 1982, both the Judicial Department Budget and Department accounting procedures were revised to identify various office and operating expenses primarily by the category of Department personnel incurring these costs. For example, any supply expenses for district attorney offices are to be charged to accounts covering district attorney operations.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1981-82

Public Defenders

During 1981-82, there were six public defender offices in North Carolina, serving Judicial Districts 3, 12, 18, 26, 27A, and 28. The public defender for District 28 is appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from recommendations submitted by the district bar; for the other districts, the appointment is by the Governor from recommendations of the respective district bars. Their terms are four years. Each public defender is by statute provided a minimum of one full-time assistant public defender and additional full-time or part-time assistants as may be authorized by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Entitlement of Indigents to Counsel

A person is determined to be indigent if he is found "financially unable to secure legal representation". He is entitled to State-paid legal representation in: any proceeding which may result in (or which seeks relief from) confinement; a fine of $500 or more; or extradition to another State; a proceeding alleging mental illness or incapacity which may result in hospitalization, sterilization, or the loss of certain property rights; and juvenile proceedings which may result in confinement, transfer to superior court for a felony trial, or termination of parental rights.

Most of the cases of State-paid representation of indigents in the districts with public defenders are handled by the public defender's office. However, the court may in certain circumstances—such as existence of a potential conflict of interest—assign private counsel to represent an indigent defendant. In the other 28 districts, the assigned private counsel system is the only one used.

Resources

A total of $2,115,207 was expended for the operation of the six public defenders' offices during 1981-82. This was an increase of $357,545 (20.3%) over the 1980-81 total of $1,757,662. These expenditures covered the personnel and travel costs incurred by these offices. Under the cost data system in effect for 1981-82, other operational expenses for the public defender offices were not separately identified from operating expenses incurred for judicial offices within the respective counties. (Effective July 1, 1982, Judicial Department budget and accounting procedures have been changed to identify these other operational expenses by public defender offices.)

1981-82 Caseload

The six public defenders' offices handled a total of 15,197 cases, including both trials and appeals, in 1981-82. This represents an increase of 750 cases, or 5.2%, over the 14,447 cases that were handled by these offices in 1980-81.

Additional information concerning the operation of these offices is found in Part III of this *Annual Report*.

PUBLIC DEFENDERS
(As of June 30, 1982)

District 3
Donald C. Hicks, III, Greenville

District 12
Mary Ann Tally, Fayetteville

District 18
Wallace G. Harrelson, Greensboro

District 26
Fritz Y. Mercer, Jr., Charlotte

District 27A
Curtis O. Harris, Gastonia

District 28
J. Robert Hufstader, Asheville

The Association of Public Defenders
(Officers as of June 30, 1982)

Fritz Y. Mercer, Jr., *President*

Frederick G. Lind, *Vice President*

Arthur W. Cooke, *Secretary*

Terry Sherill, *Treasurer*

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1981-82

The North Carolina Courts Commission

(Members as of June 30, 1982)

Appointed by the Governor

H. Parks Helms, Charlotte, *Chairman*
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Wade Barber, Jr., Pittsboro
District Attorney

Daniel T. Blue, Jr., Raleigh
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

David M. Britt, Raleigh
Associate Justice, N.C. Supreme Court

George Kornegay, Mount Olive

I.T. Valentine, Jr., Nashville

Louise B. Wilson, Graham
Clerk of Court

Appointed by President of the Senate (Lieutenant Governor)

Henson P. Barnes, Goldsboro
Member, N.C. Senate

Fielding Clark, II, Hickory

Giles R. Clark, Elizabethtown
Superior Court Judge

E. Lawrence Davis, Winston-Salem

Rebecca B. Hundley, Thomasville

R.C. Soles, Jr., Tabor City
Member, N.C. Senate

Howard F. Twiggs, Raleigh

Appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives

Roger W. Bone, Rocky Mount
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Bobby R. Etheridge, Angier
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Robert C. Hunter, Marion
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Harold L. Kennedy, Jr., Winston-Salem

Ralph S. Knott, Louisburg
Clerk of Court

Nicholas Long, Roanoke Rapids
District Court Judge

Marvin D. Musselwhite, Jr., Raleigh
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Dennis A. Wicker, Sanford
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)

Robert M. Clay, Raleigh
N.C. Bar Association Representative

William K. Davis, Raleigh
N.C. State Bar Representative

Franklin E. Freeman, Jr., Raleigh
Administrative Officer of the Courts

The North Carolina Courts Commission was established by the 1979 General Assembly "to make continuing studies of the structure, organization, jurisdiction, procedures and personnel of the Judicial Department and of the General Court of Justice and to make recommendations to the General Assembly for such changes therein as will facilitate the administration of justice". Initially, the Commission was comprised of 15 voting members, with five each appointed by the Governor, the President of the Senate (Lt. Governor), and the Speaker of the House. The Commission also had three *ex officio* non-voting members as shown above.

Pursuant to legislation sponsored by the Commission, the 1981 General Assembly amended the statutes pertaining to the Courts Commission, to increase the number of voting members from 15 to 23. Under current law, the Governor appoints seven voting members, the Lieutenant Governor appoints eight voting members and the Speaker of the House appoints eight voting members. The non-voting *ex-officio* members remain the same: a representative of the North Carolina Bar Association, a representative of the North Carolina State Bar, and the Administrative Officer of the Courts.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1981-82

The North Carolina Courts Commission

During 1981-82, the Courts Commission met in Raleigh on several occasions. It also conducted a series of public hearings at various locations around the State. The purpose of these hearings was to give the public an opportunity to express their concerns or recommendations about the court system.

The following proposals were sponsored by the North Carolina Courts Commission and approved by the 1982 Session of the General Assembly:

- Statutory amendments to the procedure for granting exemptions from money judgments.
- Statutory amendment to increase the civil jurisdiction of the district court.
- Statutory amendment to authorize the preparation of jury lists on an annual basis.
- Statutory amendments to make various technical corrections to G.S. Chapter 7A.

The following items and projects are currently on the Commission's agenda for consideration:

- Costs and fee structure.
- Handling of traffic cases in the courts.
- Criminal justice coordinator and/or modifications to deal with calendaring abuses in criminal court, along with concerns of district attorneys (including administrative support and career compensation).
- Procedures used to select juries at trial.
- Procedure used to allocate financial resources of court system.
- Indigent defense services, including means to utilize services of private attorneys more efficiently and consideration of public defender expansion.
- Implementation of constitutional amendment on temporary recall of retired judges and justices.
- Service of process in summary ejectment cases.
- Revisions in bail law.
- Implementation of constitutional amendment on appeals from Utilities Commission decisions.
- Conditions of probation.
- Counsel fees in civil cases.
- Service of process.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1981-82

The Judicial Standards Commission
(Members as of June 30, 1982)

Appointed by the Chief Justice

Court of Appeals Judge Edward B. Clark, Raleigh, *Chairman* (resigned 1 May 1982)

Superior Court Judge W. Douglas Albright, Greensboro

District Court Judge L.T. Hammond, Jr., Asheboro

Appointed by the Governor

Susan Whittington, Wilkesboro, *Secretary*

Veatrice C. Davis, Fayetteville

Appointed by the Council of the N.C. State Bar

Jerome B. Clark, Jr., Fayetteville, *Vice Chairman*

E.K. Powe, Durham

Deborah R. Carrington, *Executive Secretary*

THE JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

July 1, 1981 — June 30, 1982

The Judicial Standards Commission was established by the General Assembly pursuant to a constitutional amendment approved by the voters at the general election in November 1972.

Upon recommendation of the Commission, the Supreme Court may censure or remove any judge for wilful misconduct in office, wilful and persistent failure to perform his duties, habitual intemperance, conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude, or conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute. In addition, upon recommendation of the Commission, the Supreme Court may remove any judge for mental or physical incapacity interfering with the performance of his duties, which is, or is likely to become, permanent.

Where a recommendation for censure or removal involves a justice of the Supreme Court, the recommendation and supporting record is filed with the Court of Appeals which has and proceeds under the same authority for censure or removal of a judge. Such a proceeding would be heard by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and the six judges senior in service, excluding the Court of Appeals judge who by law serves as the Chairman of the Judicial Standards Commission.

In addition to a recommendation of censure or removal, the Commission also utilizes a disciplinary measure known as a reprimand. The reprimand is a mechanism administratively developed for dealing with inquiries where the conduct involved does not warrant censure or removal, but where some action is justified. Since the establishment of the Judicial Standards Commission in 1973, reprimands have been issued in eleven instances covering 13 inquiries.

During the 1 July 1981 — 30 June 1982 fiscal year, the Judicial Standards Commission met on the following dates: 17 July 1981, 9 October 1981, 11 December 1981, and 2 April 1982.

A complaint or other information against a judge, whether filed with the Commission or initiated by the Commission on its own motion, is designated as an "Inquiry Concerning a Judge". Sixteen such inquiries were pending as of 1 July 1981, and 64 inquiries were filed during the fiscal year, giving the Commission a total workload of 80 inquiries.

During the fiscal year, the Commission disposed of 58 inquiries, and 22 inquiries remained pending at the end of the fiscal year.

The determinations of the Commission regarding the 58 inquiries disposed of during the fiscal year were as follows:

(1) forty inquiries were determined to involve subject matter not within the Commission's jurisdiction;
(2) six inquiries were determined to involve subject matter within the Commission's jurisdiction but not warranting further proceedings;
(3) eight inquiries were determined to warrant no further action following completion of five preliminary investigations; and
(4) four inquiries were determined to warrant issuance of two reprimands.

Of the 22 inquiries pending at the end of the the fiscal year:

(1) seventeen inquiries were awaiting initial review by the Commission; and
(2) five inquiries were subject to further action by the Commission.

PART III

COURT RESOURCES

- **Financial**
- **Personnel**

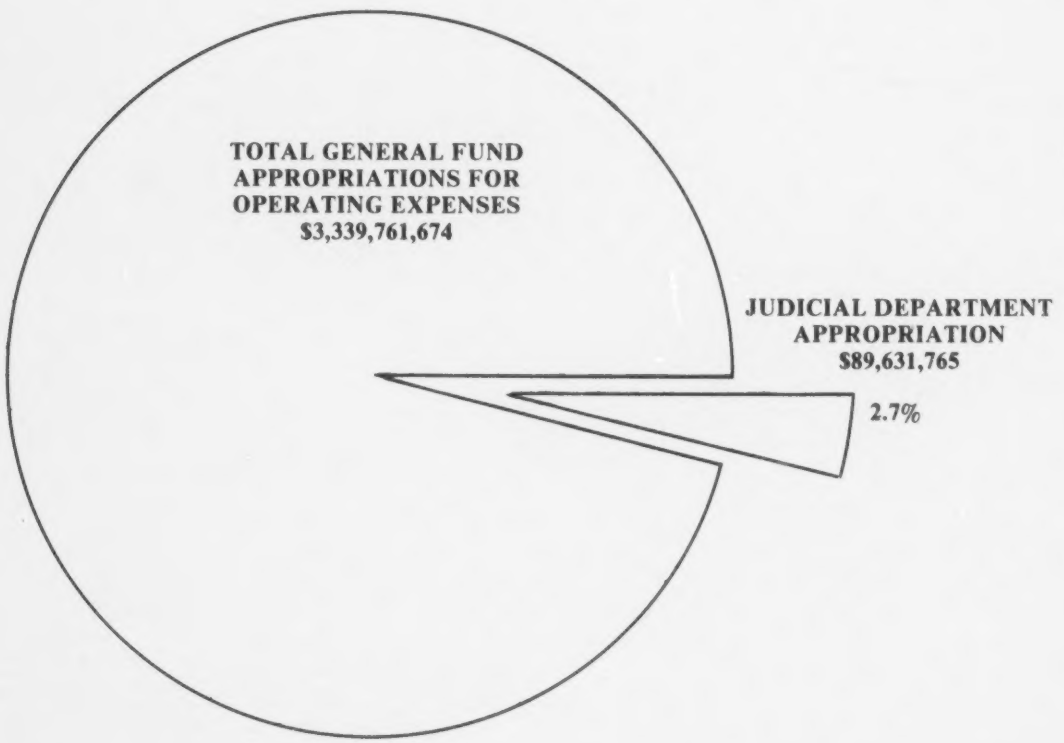
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Under the State Constitution the operating expenses of the Judicial Department (all North Carolina courts) "other than compensation to process servers and other locally paid non-judicial officers" are required to be paid from State funds. It is customary legislative practice for the General Assembly to include appropriations for the operating expenses of all three branches of State government in a single budget bill, for a two-year period ending on June 30 of the odd-numbered years. The budget for the second year of the biennium is generally modified during the even-year legislative session.

Building facilities for the appellate courts are provided by State funds, but, by statute, the county governments are required to provide from county funds for adequate facilities for the trial courts within each of the 100 counties.

Appropriations from the State's General Fund for operating expenses for all departments and agencies of State government, including the Judicial Department, totalled $3,339,761,674 for the 1981-82 fiscal year. (Appropriations from the Highway Fund and appropriations from the General Fund for capital improvements and debt servicing are not included in this total.)

The appropriation from the General Fund for the operating expenses of the Judicial Department for 1981-82 was $89,631,765. As illustrated in the chart below, this General Fund appropriation for the Judicial Department comprised 2.7% of the General Fund appropriations for the operating expenses of all State agencies and departments.



JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Appropriations from the State's general fund for operating expenses of the Judicial Department over the past five fiscal years are shown in the table below and in the graph at the top of the following page. For comparative purposes, appropriations from the general fund for operating expenses of all State agencies and departments (including the Judicial Department) for the last five fiscal years are also shown in the table below and in the second graph on the following page.

APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND FOR OPERATING EXPENSES

Fiscal Year	Judicial Department		All State Agencies	
	Appropriation	% Increase over previous year	Appropriation	% Increase over previous year
1977-1978	56,319,115	19.27%	2,193,405,714	11.74%
1978-1979	63,685,178	13.08%	2,452,011,095	11.79%
1979-1980	71,616,057	12.45%	2,761,002,481	12.60%
1980-1981	82,929,174	15.80%	3,140,949,832	13.76%
1981-1982	89,631,765	8.08%	3,339,761,674	6.33%
AVERAGE ANNUAL INCREASE, 1977-1982		13.74%		11.24%

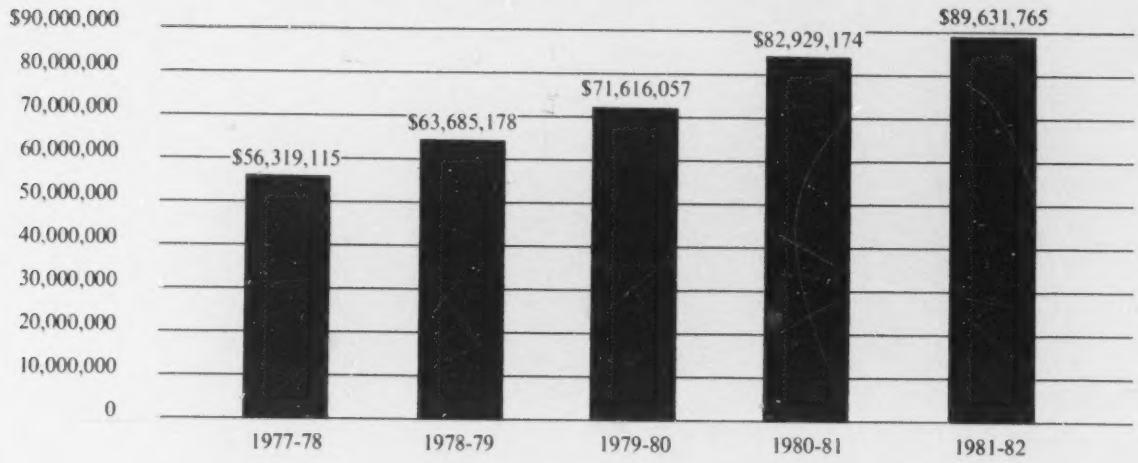
During the past decade, including the five-year period covered by the above table, inflation has been a significant factor in the national economy. For example, during 1979-80 according to Bureau of Labor Statistics data, the average person spent for goods and services more than twice the amount required for the same goods and services in 1967.

The greatest percentage increase in Judicial Department appropriations during the last five years was for the 1977-78 fiscal year. The increase for that year was due in large measure to a significant increase in the number of superior court judges (20%) and an increase in the number of assistant district attorneys (18%).

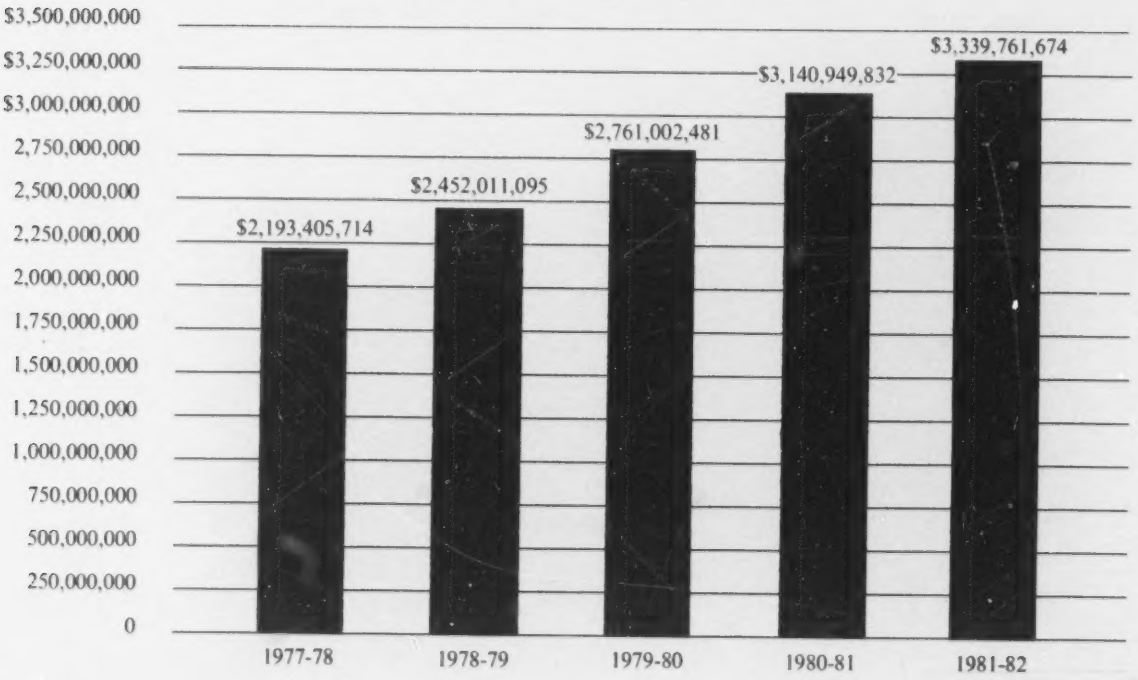
Fiscal year 1981-82 shows the smallest percentage increase in Judicial Department appropriations during the five-year period. This decline in the percentage of increase is consistent with the decline in the percentage of increase for all State government agencies.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

General Fund Appropriations for Operating Expenses of The Judicial Department, 1977-78 — 1981-82



General Fund Appropriations for Operating Expenses of All State Agencies and Departments, 1977-78 — 1981-82



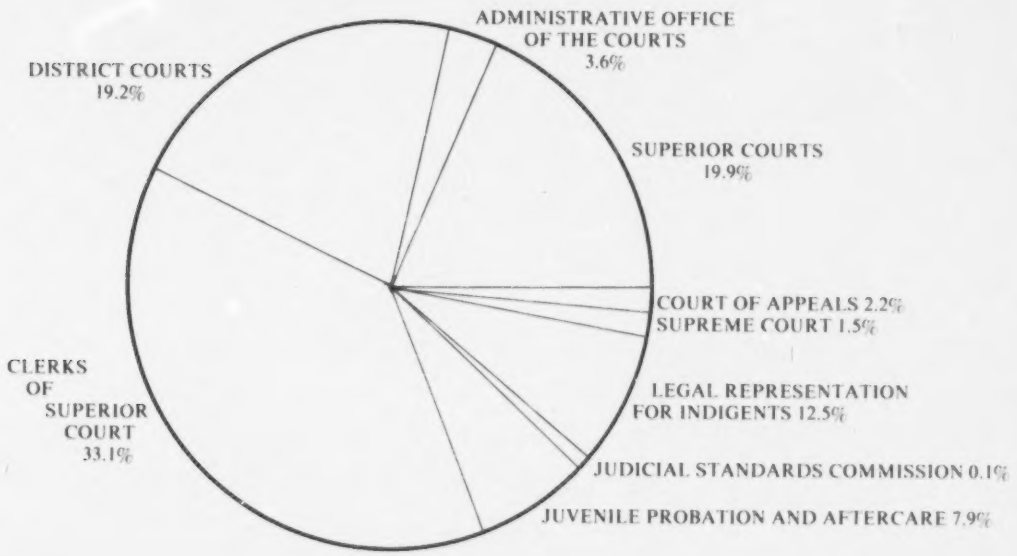
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES
July 1, 1981 — June 30, 1982

General Fund expenditures, rounded to the nearest dollar, for operating expenses of the Judicial Department during the 1981-82 fiscal year totalled $88,531,892, divided among the major budget classifications as shown below. Expenditures for LEAA-funded projects in the Judicial Department totalled $1,417,838, for a grand total of $89,949,730 in Judicial Department expenditures.

	Amount	% of Total
Supreme Court	$ 1,365,955	1.5
Court of Appeals	1,945,081	2.2
Superior Courts	17,618,583	19.9
(This classification includes judges, district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, court reporters, and staff personnel.)		
District Courts	17,022,936	19.2
(This classification includes judges, magistrates, and court reporters.)		
Clerks of Superior Court	29,332,086	33.1
(This classification includes all 100 clerks and their staffs, juror fees, witness fees, and such support services as supplies, postage, telephone expenses, and office equipment for all local Judicial Department personnel.)		
Juvenile Probation and Aftercare	7,026,192	7.9
Legal Representation for Indigents	11,033,650	12.5
Assigned private counsel ($8,173,393)		
Public defenders ($2,115,207)		
Special counsel at mental hospitals ($145,311)		
Support services (transcripts, records, briefs) ($354,613)		
Appellate Defender Services ($245,126)		
Administrative Office of the Courts	3,105,809	3.6
Judicial Council	-0-	—
Judicial Standards Commission	81,600	.1
Total General Fund Expenditures	$88,531,892	100.0
LEAA-Funded Projects	1,417,838	
TOTAL	$89,949,730	

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

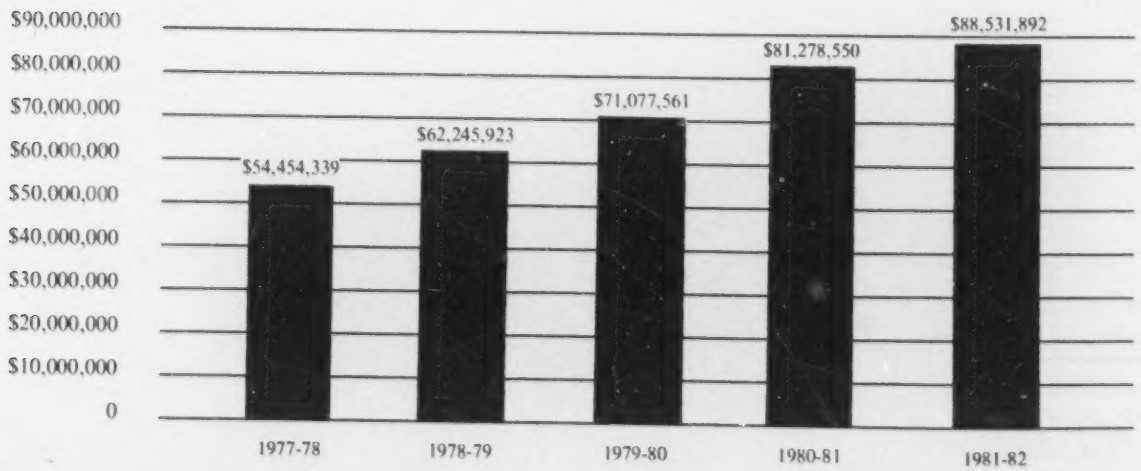
Expenditures, July 1, 1981 — June 30, 1982


ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS 3.6%
DISTRICT COURTS 19.2%
SUPERIOR COURTS 19.9%
COURT OF APPEALS 2.2%
SUPREME COURT 1.5%
CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT 33.1%
LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR INDIGENTS 12.5%
JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION 0.1%
JUVENILE PROBATION AND AFTERCARE 7.9%

As the chart illustrates, the bulk of Judicial Department expenditures goes for operation of the State's trial courts. Operation of the superior courts took 19.1% of total expenditures; this category includes expenditures for district attorneys and their staffs as well as superior court judges and court reporters. Operation of the district courts (including magistrates, judges and court reporters) took 19.2% of the total. An additional 33.1% went to operate the offices for the 100 clerks of superior court, to pay jurors' and witnesses' fees and to provide office equipment and supplies and postage and telephone service for all Judicial Department personnel at the local level.

The total General Fund expenditures of $88,531,892 for 1981-82 represents a 8.9% increase over expenditures of $81,278,550 in 1980-81, an increase in keeping with the trend in recent years, as illustrated in the chart below.

General Fund Expenditures For The Judicial Department
Fiscal Years 1977-78 — 1981-82



JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

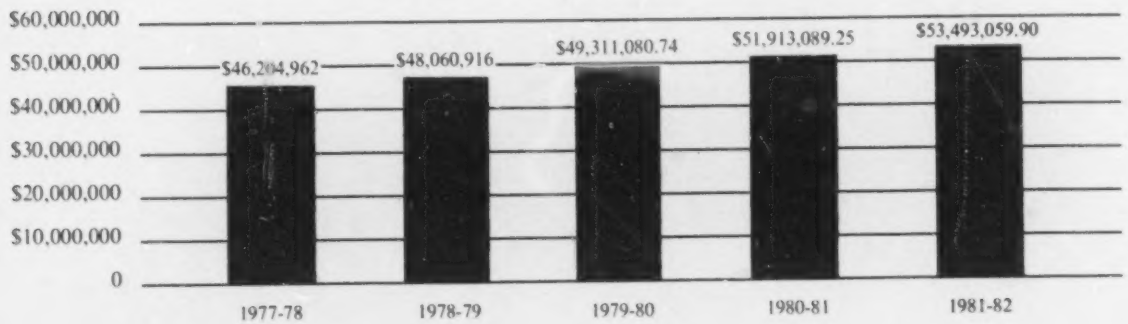
Department Receipts
July 1, 1981 — June 30, 1982

Receipts for the Judicial Department in the 1981-82 fiscal year totalled $53,493,059.90. The several sources of these receipts are shown in the table below. As in the previous years, the major source of receipts is the assessment of "court costs" in superior and district courts, paid by litigants in accordance with the schedule of costs and fees set out in G.S. 7A-304 *et seq.*; these payments constituted 60.10% of the total receipts during 1980-81. Fines and forfeitures made up 37.87% of the total. Receipts in the remaining categories — Supreme Court and Court of Appeals filing fees, sales of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals *Reports* and payments on indigent representation judgements — made up less than three percent of the total.

Source of Receipts	Amount	% of Total
Supreme Court Fees	$ 20,575.76	.04%
Court of Appeals Fees	33,520.22	.06%
Superior and District Court Costs	32,151,729.39	60.10%
Fines and Forfeitures	20,256,233.59	37.87%
Sales of Appellate Division *Reports*	122,007.38	.23%
Payments on Indigent Representation Judgements	908,993.56	1.70%
Total	$53,493,059.90	100.00%

This total of $53,493,059.90 is an increase of 3.04% over total 1980-81 receipts of $51,913,089.25. The graph below illustrates increases in recent years in total Judicial Department receipts.

Judicial Department Receipts, 1977-78 — 1981-82



JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Distribution Of Judicial Department Receipts

As required by the State Constitution, fines, penalties and forfeitures collected by the courts in criminal cases are distributed to the respective counties in which the cases are tried. These funds must be used by the counties for the support of the public schools.

A uniform schedule of court costs for civil and criminal cases, comprised of a variety of fees, is set by statute for cases filed in the superior and district courts. Statutes prescribe the distribution of these fees and provide that certain fees shall be devoted to specific uses. For example, a facilities fee is included in court costs when costs are assessed, and this fee is paid over to the respective county or municipality which provided the facility used in the case. These fees must be utilized by the counties and municipalities to provide and maintain courtrooms and related judicial facilities.

Officer Fees (for arrest or service of process) are included, where applicable, in the costs of each case filed in the trial courts. If a municipal officer performed these services in a case, the fee is paid over to the respective municipality. Otherwise, all officer fees are paid to the respective counties in which the cases are filed.

A jail fee is included in the costs of each case where applicable; and these fees are distributed to the respective county or municipality whose facilities were used. Most jail facilities in the State are provided by the counties.

A fee for the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund is included as a part of court costs when costs are assessed in a criminal case. As required by statute, the Judicial Department remits these fees to the State Treasurer, for deposit in the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit, and Retirement Fund.

Except as indicated, all superior and district court costs collected by the Judicial Department are paid into the State's General Fund.

When private counsel or a public defender is assigned to represent an indigent defendant in a criminal case the trial judge sets the money value for the services rendered. If the defendant is convicted, a judgment lien is entered against him for such amount. Collections on these judgments are paid into the State's General Fund, as are appellate court fees and proceeds from the sales of appellate division reports.

	Amount	% of Total
Remitted to State Treasurer		
Supreme Court Fees	$ 20,575.76	.04%
Court of Appeals Fees	33,520.22	.06%
Sales of Appellate Division Reports	122,007.38	.23%
Payments on Indigent Representation Judgments	908,993.56	1.70%
Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund Fees	2,210,582.36	4.13%
Other Superior and District Court Fees	19,443,593.75	36.35%
Total to State Treasurer	**22,739,273.03**	**42.51%**
Distributed to Counties		
Fines and Forfeitures	20,256,233.59	37.87%
Judicial Facilities Fees	5,653,760.70	10.57%
Officer Fees	2,848,209.93	5.32%
Jail Fees	532,035.03	.99%
Total to Counties	**29,290,239.25**	**54.75%**
Distributed to Municipalities		
Judicial Facilities Fees	281,554.00	.53%
Officer Fees	1,171,065.12	2.19%
Jail Fees	10,928.50	.02%
Total to Municipalities	**1,463,547.62**	**2.74%**
GRAND TOTAL	**$53,493,059.90**	**100.00%**

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Amounts of Fees, Fines and Forfeitures Collected by the Courts and Distributed to Counties and Municipalities*
July 1, 1981 — June 30, 1982

	Distributed to Counties				Distributed to Municipalities			
	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Fines and Forfeitures	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Total
Alamance	$ 101,660.08	$ 54,440.00	$ 11,274.00	$ 366,459.80	$ -0-	$ 21,261.00	$ -0-	$ 555,094.88
Alexander	14,848.00	8,450.00	2,190.00	60,894.91	-0-	120.00	-0-	86,502.91
Alleghany	8,286.00	3,274.42	1,421.00	25,704.96	-0-	816.00	-0-	39,502.38
Anson	28,345.00	14,224.00	1,893.00	64,419.00	-0-	1,734.00	-0-	110,615.00
Ashe	14,771.00	12,406.00	1,231.00	69,797.00	-0-	202.00	-0-	98,407.00
Avery	11,474.00	8,639.00	1,500.00	62,016.31	-0-	314.00	-0-	85,943.31
Beaufort	43,262.10	32,456.00	5,831.00	156,965.55	-0-	6,857.00	-0-	245,371.65
Bertie	20,065.00	18,850.99	2,555.00	62,232.93	-0-	852.00	-0-	104,555.92
Bladen	34,582.00	31,988.68	1,713.00	122,573.04	4,398.00	937.00	-0-	196,191.72
Brunswick	31,080.00	18,826.00	2,779.76	212,607.89	2,847.00	788.00	-0-	268,928.65
Buncombe	164,583.50	96,312.00	10,693.50	628,557.96	-0-	38,278.00	-0-	938,424.96
Burke	71,965.00	34,148.00	2,375.00	221,552.79	-0-	8,492.00	-0-	338,532.79
Cabarrus	89,138.00	64,305.18	8,553.00	316,529.67	-0-	9,896.00	-0-	488,421.85
Caldwell	53,160.00	17,742.00	3,859.00	156,989.97	-0-	6,787.00	-0-	238,537.97
Camden	4,392.00	3,388.00	595.00	21,923.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	30,298.00
Carteret	49,590.00	27,047.00	2,209.93	206,750.35	-0-	8,256.00	-0-	293,853.28
Caswell	15,424.50	14,202.00	1,440.00	60,302.61	-0-	-0-	-0-	91,369.11
Catawba	44,790.00	26,011.00	7,170.00	289,196.68	51,679.00	22,928.00	1,630.00	443,404.68
Chatham	18,974.00	19,621.00	1,022.00	81,638.32	6,661.00	1,022.00	165.00	129,103.32
Cherokee	14,048.00	10,689.00	1,475.00	65,531.00	-0-	1,324.00	115.00	93,182.00
Chowan	14,776.25	9,292.00	1,817.00	46,430.32	-0-	3,019.00	-0-	75,334.57
Clay	3,461.00	2,637.00	1,569.00	20,003.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	27,670.00
Cleveland	63,058.45	23,997.90	8,176.00	171,792.39	-0-	8,008.00	-0-	275,032.74
Columbus	55,330.00	50,737.00	5,244.00	189,444.04	4,021.00	3,624.00	295.00	308,695.04
Craven	80,070.00	31,214.00	7,164.00	340,216.24	-0-	14,797.00	-0-	473,461.24
Cumberland	256,239.00	86,845.34	30,622.34	952,718.65	-0-	61,024.00	-0-	1,387,449.33
Currituck	15,135.00	12,623.43	890.00	70,136.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	98,784.43
Dare	30,773.00	16,798.25	3,309.00	199,763.30	-0-	5,926.00	-0-	256,569.55
Davidson	77,656.80	58,377.67	7,969.29	281,410.75	12,532.00	7,970.00	-0-	445,916.51
Davie	20,582.00	14,972.00	1,438.00	60,808.00	-0-	532.00	-0-	98,332.00
Duplin	36,301.00	15,632.00	3,854.00	172,734.61	-0-	1,906.00	1,006.50	231,434.11
Durham	180,083.00	63,702.00	5,499.54	309,451.44	-0-	48,124.00	-0-	606,859.98
Edgecombe	42,159.00	52,739.00	7,766.50	125,763.92	24,903.00	9,577.00	755.00	263,663.42
Forsyth	279,929.00	38,437.00	27,070.66	670,853.17	3,852.00	110,895.00	-0-	1,131,036.83
Franklin	27,915.00	15,429.00	3,488.00	96,442.71	-0-	440.00	10.00	143,724.71
Gaston	128,212.00	87,652.00	11,875.98	443,131.86	-0-	14,732.00	-0-	685,603.84
Gates	8,583.00	6,006.00	796.00	40,090.00	-0-	60.00	-0-	55,535.00
Graham	3,628.00	2,772.00	420.00	12,363.00	-0-	40.00	-0-	19,223.00
Granville	36,064.00	16,081.50	5,094.00	120,173.22	64.00	5,556.00	190.00	183,222.72
Greene	11,140.00	8,117.00	2,453.00	65,248.15	-0-	-0-	-0-	86,958.15
Guilford	362,483.31	60,408.00	17,436.00	1,075,734.00	-0-	127,606.00	-0-	1,643,667.31
Halifax	56,071.00	42,524.00	11,366.10	260,612.54	6,041.00	11,426.00	360.00	388,400.64
Harnett	40,806.00	22,398.89	5,078.00	184,721.18	10,274.00	4,448.00	800.00	268,526.07
Haywood	36,145.50	26,509.00	871.00	174,623.50	2,527.00	3,071.00	-0-	243,747.00
Henderson	50,880.00	27,367.00	7,650.97	258,827.00	-0-	4,864.00	-0-	349,588.97
Hertford	29,928.00	19,527.50	3,032.00	83,539.70	-0-	2,044.00	-0-	138,071.20
Hoke	20,051.00	10,575.15	3,644.97	91,005.25	-0-	1,632.00	-0-	126,908.37
Hyde	4,939.00	3,930.00	235.00	18,509.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	27,613.00
Iredell	65,545.00	33,244.00	1,782.95	239,632.03	14,637.00	10,969.00	442.00	366,251.98

*Facility and jail fees are distributed to the respective counties and municipalities which furnished the facilities. If the officer who made the arrest or served the process was employed by a municipality, the officer fee is distributed to the municipality; otherwise all officer fees are distributed to the respective counties. By provision of the State Constitution, fines and forfeitures collected by the courts within a county are distributed to that county for support of the public schools.

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Amounts of Fees, Fines and Forfeitures Collected by the Courts and Distributed to Counties and Municipalities*
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	Distributed to Counties				Distributed to Municipalities			
	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Fines and Forfeitures	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Total
Jackson	$ 15,893.00	$ 12,124.89	$ 1,638.00	$ 84,033.70	$ -0-	$ -0-	$ -0-	$ 113,689.59
Johnston	57,419.00	38,592.60	10,306.97	261,867.12	12,542.50	8,347.00	490.00	389,565.19
Jones	11,581.00	7,567.00	640.00	44,556.00	-0-	1,098.00	-0-	65,442.00
Lee	41,944.00	24,190.00	8,910.00	106,239.00	-0-	8,099.00	-0-	189,382.00
Lenoir	67,381.00	23,039.30	6,618.00	207,430.56	384.00	10,038.00	-0-	314,890.86
Lincoln	28,592.00	21,106.00	1,550.00	88,464.28	-0-	1,502.00	-0-	141,214.28
Macon	18,582.00	14,465.96	431.00	111,134.70	-0-	146.00	-0-	144,759.66
Madison	6,514.00	4,970.00	990.00	25,534.00	-0-	32.00	-0-	38,040.00
Martin	26,439.00	20,058.00	1,280.00	90,095.58	-0-	2,070.00	-0-	139,942.58
McDowell	29,952.00	20,216.00	2,319.00	149,744.50	-0-	1,642.00	-0-	203,873.50
Mecklenburg	446,449.50	184,454.85	31.00	1,118,304.40	-0-	142,284.98	-0-	1,891,524.73
Mitchell	6,810.00	4,866.00	775.00	31,501.14	-0-	724.00	-0-	44,676.14
Montgomery	34,132.00	30,258.47	3,378.00	82,599.00	-0-	761.00	-0-	151,128.47
Moore	51,862.00	34,901.00	1,925.00	195,078.20	4,744.00	9,570.00	270.00	298,350.20
Nash	47,459.00	55,168.48	9,222.00	239,995.50	32,027.00	10,419.00	873.00	395,163.98
New Hanover	128,896.60	38,564.30	14,877.55	551,316.05	-0-	30,836.00	170.00	764,660.50
Northampton	25,393.00	20,714.00	2,729.00	92,642.77	-0-	1,432.00	-0-	142,910 77
Onslow	100,429.60	66,948.00	30,154.37	525,714.00	-0-	15,265.00	-0-	738,510.97
Orange	46,714.00	28,903.00	2,278.75	205,949.86	16,515.00	14,836.00	619.00	315,815.61
Pamlico	7,703.00	5,864.00	685.00	23,872.59	-0-	36.00	20.00	38,180.59
Pasquotank	27,411.00	11,035.00	3,189.00	127,717.62	-0-	8,332.00	-0-	177,684.62
Pender	22,662.00	15,876.44	2,908.00	125,061.54	-0-	956.00	-0-	167,463.98
Perquimans	9,201.00	6,032.00	1,150.00	43,311.72	-0-	1,147.00	-0-	60,841.72
Person	24,197.00	11,458.00	2,801.00	100,191.62	432.50	1,921.14	-0-	141,001.26
Pitt	82,455.20	26,411.00	5,269.00	277,118.59	6,519.00	22,277.00	620.00	420,669.79
Polk	11,091.00	8,682.00	1,450.00	83,539.50	-0-	472.00	-0-	105,234.50
Randolph	64,963.44	55,895.42	3,497.00	189,867.00	1,141.00	8,862.00	-0-	324,225.86
Richmond	37,346.00	19,945.00	3,427.00	114,945.43	-0-	2,724.00	-0-	178,387.43
Robeson	96,269.50	59,137.00	17,818.40	546,325.21	32,559.50	21,012.00	1,375.00	774,496.61
Rockingham	61,977.50	38,662.00	8,920.00	272,473.50	21,446.50	20,801.00	110.00	424,390.50
Rowan	90,547.00	58,308.85	9,424.00	303,122.39	-0-	20,648.00	-0-	482,050.24
Rutherford	39,960.37	24,095.00	7,486.00	174,927.50	-0-	4,972.00	-0-	251,440.87
Sampson	66,309.00	52,611.00	9,055.25	248,779.15	-0-	1,946.00	-0-	378,700.40
Scotland	35,789.50	23,139.00	3,829.00	110,945.17	-0-	4,924.00	-0-	178,626.67
Stanly	43,815.00	13,810.00	4,155.00	151,430.18	-0-	6,796.00	-0-	220,006.18
Stokes	22,649.50	12,769.00	1,210.00	75,943.25	-0-	250.00	-0-	112,821.75
Surry	63,395.00	54,375.14	4,483.00	258,003.21	915.00	6,660.00	425.00	388,256.35
Swain	7,634.00	4,311.00	1,885.00	31,426.50	-0-	294.00	-0-	45,550.50
Transylvania	16,526.00	13,992.45	5,638.00	65,011.00	-0-	2,150.00	-0-	103,317.45
Tyrrell	4,285.00	3,272.00	145.00	15,293.56	-0-	-0-	-0-	22,995.56
Union	52,156.00	36,547.00	8,627.00	159,299.04	-0-	6,981.00	-0-	263,610.04
Vance	44,113.00	20,035.00	3,287.00	132,015.23	-0-	5,239.00	-0-	204,689.23
Wake	359,976.00	76,024.42	30,707.70	1,173,993.47	5,383.00	132,868.00	[illegible]3.00	1,779,120.59
Warren	18,952.00	13,816.50	2,298.00	67,885.88	-0-	212.00	-0-	103,164.38
Washington	13,342.00	10,583.00	1,484.00	36,362.54	-0-	1,022.00	-0-	62,793.54
Watauga	23,452.00	14,968.00	3,351.00	116,846.62	-0-	4,024.00	-0-	162,641.62
Wayne	86,329.50	29,066.00	4,138.00	262,200.28	2,509.00	14,206.00	20.00	398,468.78
Wilkes	57,929.00	33,071.00	8,211.55	274,307.06	-0-	1,022.00	-0-	374,540.61
Wilson	62,880.00	39,819.96	5,882.00	240,651.05	-0-	15,403.00	-0-	364,636.01
Yadkin	25,982.00	19,728.00	4,639.00	150,136.12	-0-	254.00	-0-	200,739.12
Yancey	7,637.00	6,196.00	1,538.00	60,207.00	-0-	398.00	-0-	75,976.00
State Totals	**$5,653,760.70**	**$2,848,209.93**	**$532,035.03**	**$20,256,233.59**	**$281,554.00**	**$1,171,065.12**	**$10,928.50**	**$30,753,786.87**

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Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents
July 1, 1981 — June 30, 1982

The State provides legal counsel for indigent persons in a variety of actions and proceedings, as specified in the North Carolina General Statutes, Sections 7A-450 *et seq.* These include criminal proceedings, judicial hospitalization proceedings, juvenile proceedings which may result in commitment to an institution or transfer to superior court for trial as an adult. Legal representation for indigents may be by assignment of private counsel, by assignment of special public counsel (involving mental hospital commitments), or by assignment of a public defender.

Six of North Carolina's judicial districts have an office of public defender: Districts 3, 12, 18, 26, 27A, and 28. The other 28 districts utilize only assignments of private counsel. Private counsel may also be assigned in the six districts which have a public defender in the event of a conflict of interests involving the public defender's office and the indigent and in the event of unusual circumstances when, in the opinion of the court, the proper administration of justice requires the assignment of private counsel rather than the public defender in those cases.

The Appellate Defender Office began operation as a State-funded program on October 1, 1981. (Prior to October 1, 1981, appellate defender services were funded by a one-year federal grant.) Pursuant to assignments made by trial court judges, it is the responsibility of the Appellate Defender and his staff to provide criminal defense appellate services to indigent persons who are appealling their convictions to either the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals. Under the general supervision of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Appellate Defender is required by statute (G.S. 7A-478) to accept only that number of appeal assignments which will ensure the quality of appellate services provided. The case and cost data reported below reflect the activity of this office in both the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals for the nine-month period following October 1, 1981, and the reported case data represents those cases disposed of during that time.

In addition, the State provides a full-time special counsel at each of the State's four mental hospitals, to represent patients in commitment or recommitment hearings before a district court judge. Under North Carolina law, each patient committed to a mental hospital is entitled to a judicial hearing (before a district court judge) within 90 days after the initial commitment, a further hearing within 180 days after the initial commitment, and thereafter a hearing once each year during the continuance of an involuntary commitment.

Finally, the State provides a guardian *ad litem* for children alleged to be neglected in juvenile petitions unless the court finds that the child is not in need of and cannot benefit from such representation. By statute, the guardian *ad litem* is a licensed attorney and is compensated for his services in the same way as compensation is provided for representation of an indigent person.

The cost of the entire program of indigent representation, rounded to the nearest dollar, was $11,033,650 in the 1981-82 fiscal year, compared to $9,861,919 in the 1980-81 fiscal year, an increase of 11.9%. The total amount expended for representation of indigents was 12.5% of total Judicial Department expenditures in the 1981-82 fiscal year.

Following is a summary of case and cost data for representation of indigents for the fiscal year, July 1, 1981 through June 30, 1982.

	Number of Cases	Total Cost	Average Per Case
Assigned Private Counsel			
Adult cases (other than capital)	34,665	$ 6,463,254	$ 186.45
Capital cases	303	517,846	1,709.06
Juvenile cases	5,631	525,443	93.31
Guardian *ad litem* for juveniles	4,455	654,031	146.81
Appellate defender project (Prior to 10/1/81)	39	12,819	328.69
Totals	**45,093**	**$ 8,173,393**	**$ 181.26**
Public Defender Offices			
District 3	1,399	$ 316,376	$ 226.14
District 12	2,339	390,187	166.82
District 18	3,068	475,230	154.90
District 26	5,145	507,700	98.68
District 27A	1,636	238,692	145.90
District 28	1,610	187,022	116.16
Totals	**15,197**	**$ 2,115,207**	**$ 139.19**

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Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents
July 1, 1981 — June 30, 1982

	Number of Cases	Total Cost	Average Per Case
Appellate Defender Office	**139**	**$ 245,126**	**$1,763.50**
Special counsel at mental hospitals		$ 145,?11	
Transcripts, records and briefs		309,303	
Medical examinations		25,310	
Expert witness fees		20,000	
GRAND TOTAL		**$11,033,650**	

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Special Counsel at Mental Hospitals

The total cost of providing special counsel at each of the State's four mental hospitals, to represent patients in commitment or recommitment hearings, was $145,311 for the 1981-82 fiscal year. There were a total of 10,426 hearings held during the year, for an average cost per hearing of $13.94.

The following presents data on the hearings held at each of the mental hospitals in 1981-82. The total number of hearings held in 1981-82 represents a decrease of 1.9% compared to the 10,627 hearings held in 1980-81.

	Broughton	Cherry	Dorothea Dix	John Umstead	Totals
Initial Hearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	731	900	576	1,165	3,372
Commitment to outpatient clinic	492	106	19	140	757
Discharge	2,001	1,258	484	560	4,303
Totals	**3,224**	**2,264**	**1,079**	**1,865**	**8,432**
First Rehearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	78	191	126	250	645
Commitment to outpatient clinic	13	4	2	2	21
Discharge	71	89	22	44	226
Totals	**162**	**284**	**150**	**296**	**892**
Second or Subsequent Rehearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	124	268	238	290	920
Commitment to outpatient clinic	0	0	0	0	0
Discharge	16	18	7	8	49
Totals	**140**	**286**	**245**	**298**	**969**
Modification of Prior Order Hearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	5	4	0	40	49
Commitment to outpatient clinic	58	0	3	0	61
Discharge	11	8	0	4	23
Totals	**74**	**12**	**3**	**44**	**133**
Total Hearings or Rehearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	938	1,363	940	1,745	4,986
Commitment to outpatient clinic	563	110	24	142	839
Discharge	2,099	1,373	513	616	4,601
Grand Totals	**3,600**	**2,846**	**1,477**	**2,503**	**10,426**

The table that begins on the following page compares the number of assigned private counsel cases and expenditures in each county and judicial district for fiscal years 1980-81 and 1981-82. There was a statewide increase in the total number of assigned private counsel cases from 42,528 cases in 1980-81 to 45,054 cases in 1981-82, an increase of 5.9%. Expenditures for these defense services increased by 8.7% from the $7,508,808 spent in 1980-81 to $8,160,574 in 1981-82.

The largest district increase in the number of assigned counsel cases occurred in District 26, which had a total of 1,503 cases in 1980-81 as compared to 3,056 cases in 1981-82, an increase of 103.3%. District 3 showed the largest decrease in the number of such cases from 1,366 in 1980-81 to 393 in 1981-82, a reduction of 71.2%.

The largest district increase in the amount expended for assigned private counsel cases was also in District 26 where expenditures went from $338,119 in 1980-81 to $621,245 in 1981-82, an increase of 83.7%. On the other hand, assigned counsel case costs decreased by 53.7% in District 18 from $411,534 in 1980-81 to $190,463 in 1981-82.

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Assigned Counsel — Numbers of Cases and Expenditures*
Fiscal Years 1980-81 and 1981-82

	Number of Cases			Expenditures		
	1980-81	1981-82	% Increase or (Decrease)	1980-81	1981-82	% Increase or (Decrease)
District 1						
Camden	19	27	42.1	$ 3,239	$ 4,845	49.6
Chowan	114	135	18.4	21,696	24,804	14.3
Currituck	77	91	18.2	14,614	21,011	43.8
Dare	90	100	11.1	19,356	23,476	21.3
Gates	24	27	12.5	4,127	6,057	46.8
Pasquotank	312	316	1.3	48,852	59,250	21.3
Perquimans	64	76	18.7	13,672	17,800	30.2
District Totals	**700**	**772**	**10.3**	**$ 125,556**	**$ 157,243**	**25.2**
District 2						
Beaufort	278	299	7.5	$ 49,226	$ 50,488	2.6
Hyde	26	31	19.2	4,599	3,541	(23.0)
Martin	166	163	(1.8)	25,812	25,534	(1.1)
Tyrrell	14	38	171.4	1,935	6,004	210.3
Washington	106	118	11.3	15,200	14,463	(4.8)
District Totals	**590**	**649**	**10.0**	**$ 96,771**	**$ 100,030**	**3.4**
District 3						
Carteret	261	72	(72.4)	$ 52,110	$ 12,207	(76.6)
Craven	396	96	(75.8)	96,092	35,552	(63.0)
Pamlico	38	13	(65.8)	7,769	4,918	(36.7)
Pitt	671	212	(68.4)	130,689	80,971	(38.0)
District Totals	**1,366**	**393**	**(71.2)**	**$ 286,660**	**$ 133,648**	**(53.4)**
District 4						
Duplin	294	334	13.6	$ 55,596	$ 84,606	52.2
Jones	57	51	10.5	9,822	11,895	21.1
Onslow	701	719	2.6	166,940	188,665	13.0
Sampson	364	362	(.6)	72,847	98,734	35.5
District Totals	**1,416**	**1,466**	**3.5**	**$ 305,205**	**$ 383,900**	**25.8**
District 5						
New Hanover	890	843	(5.3)	$ 248,981	$ 229,809	(7.7)
Pender	96	101	5.2	18,959	22,535	18.9
District Totals	**986**	**944**	**(4.3)**	**$ 267,940**	**$ 252,344**	**(5.8)**
District 6						
Bertie	202	221	9.4	$ 29,728	$ 39,247	32.0
Halifax	514	588	14.4	80,185	94,777	18.2
Hertford	208	237	13.9	28,189	39,683	40.8
Northampton	156	208	33.3	19,895	49,516	148.9
District Totals	**1,080**	**1,254**	**16.1**	**$ 157,997**	**$ 223,223**	**41.3**
District 7						
Edgecombe	638	496	(22.3)	$ 131,319	$ 93,430	(28.9)
Nash	558	600	7.5	108,874	128,601	18.1
Wilson	787	592	(24.8)	167,624	118,297	(29.4)
District Totals	**1,983**	**1,688**	**(14.9)**	**$ 407,817**	**$ 340,328**	**(16.6)**

*Includes numbers of cases and expenditures for guardian *ad litem*.

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Assigned Counsel — Numbers of Cases and Expenditures*
Fiscal Years 1980-81 and 1981-82

	Number of Cases			Expenditures		
	1980-81	1981-82	% Increase or (Decrease)	1980-81	1981-82	% Increase or (Decrease)
District 8						
Greene	97	91	(6.2)	$ 16,933	$ 14,146	(16.5)
Lenoir	833	830	(.4)	113,948	144,388	26.7
Wayne	971	984	1.3	210,139	199,727	(5.0)
District Totals	**1,901**	**1,905**	**.2**	**$ 341,020**	**$ 358,261**	**5.1**
District 9						
Franklin	189	228	20.6	$ 40,311	$ 63,366	57.2
Granville	319	268	(16.0)	48,324	47,234	(2.3)
Person	228	210	(7.9)	38,820	41,016	5.7
Vance	329	411	24.9	59,654	78,625	31.8
Warren	117	110	(6.0)	19,051	24,508	28.6
District Totals	**1,182**	**1,227**	**3.8**	**$ 206,160**	**$ 254,749**	**23.6**
District 10						
Wake	**2,295**	**2,393**	**4.3**	**$ 389,008**	**$ 478,675**	**23.1**
District 11						
Harnett	410	467	13.9	$ 69,421	$ 61,011	(12.1)
Johnston	720	713	(1.0)	79,750	82,820	3.6
Lee	325	389	19.7	44,713	53,166	18.9
District Totals	**1,455**	**1,569**	**7.8**	**$ 193,884**	**$ 196,997**	**1.6**
District 12						
Cumberland	292	253	(13.4)	$ 107,609	$ 69,614	(35.2)
Hoke	29	26	(10.3)	5,169	2,624	(49.2)
District Totals	**321**	**279**	**(13.1)**	**$ 112,778**	**$ 72,238**	**(36.0)**
District 13						
Bladen	413	376	(9.0)	$ 54,164	$ 61,626	13.8
Brunswick	362	300	(17.1)	45,349	48,423	6.8
Columbus	626	672	7.4	76,360	101,629	33.1
District Totals	**1,401**	**1,348**	**(3.8)**	**$ 175,873**	**$ 211,678**	**20.4**
District 14						
Durham	**2,359**	**2,642**	**12.0**	**$ 372,366**	**$ 502,197**	**34.9**
District 15A						
Alamance	**822**	**945**	**15.0**	**$ 127,540**	**$ 146,882**	**15.2**
District 15B						
Chatham	175	180	2.9	$ 37,949	$ 40,387	6.4
Orange	674	790	17.2	120,308	130,756	8.7
District Totals	**849**	**970**	**14.2**	**$ 158,257**	**$ 171,143**	**8.1**
District 16						
Robeson	1,134	1,267	11.7	$ 157,998	$ 203,580	28.9
Scotland	461	562	21.9	63,456	75,369	18.8
District Totals	**1,595**	**1,829**	**14.7**	**$ 221,454**	**$ 278,949**	**26.0**

*Includes numbers of cases and expenditures for guardian *ad litem*.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Assigned Counsel — Numbers of Cases and Expenditures*
Fiscal Years 1980-81 and 1981-82

	Number of Cases			Expenditures		
	1980-81	1981-82	% Increase or (Decrease)	1980-81	1981-82	% Increase or (Decrease)
District 17A						
Caswell	188	147	(21.8)	$ 37,864	$ 20,920	(44.8)
Rockingham	742	730	(1.6)	116,879	124,147	6.2
District Totals	**930**	**877**	**(5.7)**	**$ 154,743**	**$ 145,067**	**(6.3)**
District 17B						
Stokes	148	144	(2.7)	$ 29,786	$ 20,353	(31.7)
Surry	595	579	(2.7)	93,121	108,249	16.3
District Totals	**743**	**723**	**(2.7)**	**$ 122,907**	**$ 128,602**	**4.6**
District 18						
Guilford	**748**	**760**	**1.6**	**$ 411,534**	**$ 190,463**	**(53.7)**
District 19A						
Cabarrus	710	829	16.8	$ 130,626	$ 163,014	24.8
Rowan	1,129	1,144	1.3	157,637	157,242	(.3)
District Totals	**1,839**	**1,973**	**7.3**	**$ 288,263**	**$ 320,256**	**11.1**
District 19B						
Montgomery	218	235	7.8	$ 43,094	$ 47,198	9.5
Randolph	514	509	(1.0)	101,085	101,829	.7
District Totals	**732**	**744**	**1.6**	**$ 144,179**	**$ 149,027**	**3.4**
District 20						
Anson	214	303	42.0	$ 36,491	$ 58,331	59.9
Moore	579	644	11.2	72,179	77,300	7.1
Richmond	525	661	25.9	79,465	103,478	30.2
Stanly	464	496	6.9	82,977	81,279	(2.1)
Union	589	678	15.1	105,857	107,837	1.9
District Totals	**2,371**	**2,782**	**17.3**	**$ 376,969**	**$ 428,225**	**13.6**
District 21						
Forsyth	**2,954**	**3,145**	**6.5**	**$ 409,994**	**$ 473,396**	**15.5**
District 22						
Alexander	173	173	—	$ 26,862	$ 26,157	(2.6)
Davidson	732	811	10.8	123,185	144,671	17.4
Davie	176	155	(11.9)	21,591	23,498	8.8
Iredell	581	670	15.3	92,095	106,957	16.1
District Totals	**1,662**	**1,809**	**8.8**	**$ 263,733**	**$ 301,283**	**14.2**
District 23						
Alleghany	43	52	20.9	$ 6,297	$ 10,200	62.0
Ashe	132	146	10.6	16,685	15,675	(6.1)
Wilkes	372	450	21.0	46,742	66,360	42.0
Yadkin	183	193	5.5	19,561	27,167	38.9
District Totals	**730**	**841**	**15.2**	**$ 89,285**	**$ 119,402**	**33.7**

*Includes numbers of cases and expenditures for guardian *ad litem*.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Assigned Counsel — Numbers of Cases and Expenditures* Fiscal Years 1980-81 and 1981-82

	Number of Cases			Expenditures		
	1980-81	1981-82	% Increase or (Decrease)	1980-81	1981-82	% Increase or (Decrease)
District 24						
Avery	135	151	11.9	$ 23,282	$ 24,663	5.9
Madison	113	137	21.2	17,789	25,404	42.8
Mitchell	86	73	(15.1)	21,216	11,369	(46.4)
Watauga	190	161	15.3	33,722	30,132	(10.7)
Yancey	83	52	(37.4)	12,288	13,601	10.7
District Totals	**607**	**574**	**(5.4)**	**$ 108,297**	**$ 105,169**	**(2.9)**
District 25						
Burke	627	563	(10.2)	$ 103,297	$ 102,591	(.7)
Caldwell	640	643	.5	88,371	102,296	15.8
Catawba	971	1,038	6.9	154,977	184,412	19.0
District Totals	**2,238**	**2,244**	**.3**	**346,645**	**389,299**	**12.3**
District 26						
Mecklenburg	**1,503**	**3,056**	**103.3**	**$ 338,119**	**$ 621,245**	**83.7**
District 27A						
Gaston	**122**	**178**	**45.9**	**$ 22,140**	**$ 28,543**	**28.9**
District 27B						
Cleveland	491	445	(9.4)	$ 105,808	$ 95,049	(10.2)
Lincoln	232	227	(2.2)	45,504	43,469	(4.5)
District Totals	**723**	**672**	**(7.0)**	**$ 151,312**	**$ 138,518**	**(8.5)**
District 28						
Buncombe	**391**	**327**	**(16.4)**	**$ 45,553**	**$ 39,319**	**(13.7)**
District 29						
Henderson	341	399	17.0	$ 47,729	$ 71,765	50.4
McDowell	295	277	(6.1)	42,201	41,685	(1.2)
Polk	61	60	(1.6)	14,961	13,899	(7.1)
Rutherford	308	314	2.0	44,380	47,818	7.8
Transylvania	92	124	34.8	17,445	32,897	88.6
District Totals	**1,097**	**1,174**	**7.0**	**$ 166,716**	**$ 208,064**	**24.8**
District 30						
Cherokee	126	115	(8.7)	$ 20,036	$ 17,669	(11.8)
Clay	32	26	(18.8)	7,616	4,278	(43.8)
Graham	38	41	7.9	4,580	4,574	(.1)
Haywood	311	290	(6.8)	53,749	35,211	34.5
Jackson	123	154	25.2	14,247	25,377	78.1
Macon	151	203	34.4	16,024	16,662	4.0
Swain	56	73	30.4	5,881	8,440	43.5
District Totals	**837**	**902**	**7.8**	**$ 122,133**	**$ 112,211**	**(8.1)**
State Totals	**42,528**	**45,054**	**5.9**	**$7,508,808**	**$8,160,574**	**8.7**

*Includes numbers of cases and expenditures for guardian *ad litem*.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL
(Positions and salaries authorized as of June 30, 1982)

Positions Authorized		Salary Ranges
	SUPREME COURT	
7	Justices	$57,012-$58,212
23	Staff personnel (Clerk's and Reporter's offices, law clerks, library staff)	$11,484-$39,756
7	Secretarial personnel	$11,484-$17,076
	COURT OF APPEALS	
12	Judges	$55,188-$53,976
29	Staff personnel (Clerk's office, prehearing staff, Judicial Standards Commission staff, law clerks)	$ 9,264-$32,856
18	Secretarial personnel	$11,484-$17,076
	SUPERIOR COURT	
68	Judges	$47,928-$49,500
74	Staff personnel	$14,916-$29,880
39	Secretarial personnel	$ 9,264-$15,612
	DISTRICT COURT	
142	Judges	$38,808-$40,344
620	Magistrates	$ 9,936-$15,372
33	Staff personnel	$10,524-$15,612
6	Secretarial personnel	$ 9,264-$13,644
	DISTRICT ATTORNEYS	
35	District Attorneys	$44,580
273	Staff personnel	$12,012-$42,456
73	Secretarial personnel	$ 8,856-$15,612
	CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT	
100	Clerks of Superior Court	$20,016-$37,608
1367	Staff personnel	$ 8,148-$24,732
7	Secretarial personnel	$ 9,264-$13,644
	INDIGENT REPRESENTATION	
6	Public Defenders	$44,580
54	Staff personnel	$12,540-$40,980
20	Secretarial personnel	$ 9,264-$15,612
4	Special counsel at mental hospitals	$18,000-$22,488
4	Secretarial personnel	$ 9,264-$13,644
	JUVENILE PROBATION AND AFTERCARE	
273	Court counselors	$12,012-$28,500
47	Secretarial personnel	$ 8,856-$15,612
	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS	
1	Administrative Officer of the Courts	$50,940
1	Assistant Director	$36,384
98	Staff personnel	$10,524-$37,908

PART IV

TRIAL COURTS CASEFLOW DATA

- **Superior Court Division**
- **District Court Division**

TRIAL COURTS CASE DATA

This part of the *Annual Report* presents pertinent data on a district-by-district and county-by-county basis. For ease of reference, this part is divided into a superior court division section and a district court division section.

The data within the two sections generally parallel each other in terms of organization, with each section subdivided into civil and criminal case categories. With some exceptions, there are three basic data tables for each case category: a caseload inventory (filings, dispositions and pending) table; a table on the manner of dispositions; and a table on ages of cases disposed of during the year and ages of cases pending at the end of the year. Pending and age data are not provided for district court motor vehicle criminal cases, for civil cases (small claims) referred to magistrates, and for juvenile cases, inasmuch as these categories of cases are not reported by case file number.

The caseload inventory tables provide a statistical picture of caseflow during the 1981-82 year. Items recorded in this table include the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year, the number of new cases filed, the number of cases disposed of during the year, and the number of cases left pending at the end of the year. The caseload inventory also shows the total caseload (the number pending at the beginning of the year plus the number filed during the year) and the percentage of the caseload which was disposed of during the year.

The aging tables show the ages of the cases pending on June 30, 1982 as well as the ages of the cases disposed of during 1981-82. These tables also show both mean (average) and median ages for each set of cases—those pending at the end of the year and those that were disposed of during the year. The median age of a group of cases is, by definition, the age of a hypothetical case which is older than 50% of the total set of cases and younger than the other 50%.

Unlike the median, the mean age can be substantially raised (or lowered) if even a small number of very old (or very young) cases are included. For example, if only a single two-year old case was included among ten cases aged three months, the median age would be 90 days and the mean (average) age would be 148.2 days. A substantial difference between the median and average ages, therefore, indicates the presence of a number of rather long-pending, or short-pending, cases.

Separate summary tables at the end of Part IV show the comparative rankings, for the 1981-82 year, in terms of percentage of disposition of caseloads for the 34 judicial districts and the 100 counties.

The case statistics in Part IV have been calculated from filing and disposition case data submitted to the Administrative Office of the Courts by the 100 clerks of superior court across the State. The present case reporting system is essentially a manual one: weekly reports from each clerk's office are mailed to Raleigh, where they are computer-coded, entered and processed. Pending case information is computer-calculated from the filing and disposition data. The accuracy of the pending case figures is, of course, dependent upon timely and accurate filing and disposition data.

Periodic comparisons by clerk personnel of their actual pending case files against AOC's computer-produced pending case lists, followed by indicated corrections, is necessary to maintain completely accurate data in the AOC computer file. Yet, staff resource in the clerks' offices is not sufficient to make such physical inventory checks as frequently and as completely as would be necessary to maintain full accuracy in AOC's computer files. Thus, it is recognized that some of the figures published in the following tables have errors of some degree.

Another accuracy-related problem inherent in a manual reporting system is the lack of absolute consistency in the published year-end and year-beginning pending figures. The number of cases pending at the end of a reporting year should ideally be identical with the number of published pending cases at the *beginning* of the next reporting year. In reality, this is rarely the case. Experience has shown that inevitably some filings and dispositions which occurred in the preceding year do not get reported until the subsequent year. The later-reported data is regarded as being more complete reporting and is used, thereby producing some differences between the prior year's end-pending figures and the current year's beginning-pending figures.

Notwithstanding the indicated limitations in the data reporting and data-processing system, it is believed that the published figures are sufficiently adequate to fully justify their use. In any event, the published figures are the best and most accurate data currently available.

PART IV, Section 1

Superior Court Division
Caseflow Data

The Superior Court Division

This section contains data tables and accompanying charts depicting the caseflow during the 1981-82 year of cases pending, filed and disposed of in the State's superior courts, that is, cases before superior court judges; and cases pending, filed and disposed of before the 100 clerks of superior court, who have original jurisdiction over estates cases and special proceedings.

There are, for statistical reporting purposes, three categories of cases filed in the superior courts: civil cases and felony cases which are within the original jurisdiction of the superior courts; and misdemeanor appeals from the district courts to superior courts, for trial *de novo*.

During 1981-82, as the bar graph on the following page illustrates, felony cases contributed the greatest proportion of all case filings (50.6%), misdemeanor appeals the second greatest proportion of all case filings (31.7%), with civil cases amounting to 17.7% of total case filings in the superior courts. Although a slight drop in the percentage of felony filings and an increase in civil filings is recorded, the above proportions for the three categories of cases are in line with the prevailing pattern of recent years.

As in previous years, the following bar chart and the second bar graph indicate that the "typical" superior court civil case takes considerably longer to dispose of than the "typical" criminal case. The bar chart shows that the numbers of cases filed and disposed of during 1981-82 in the two criminal case categories (felonies and misdemeanor appeals) are considerably larger than year-end case pending totals. On the other hand, the total number of civil cases pending at year's end exceeds both civil case filings and dispositions. Data presented in the second bar graph, as well as in the following tables covering the ages of superior court cases, clearly supports the longer disposition period conclusion regarding civil cases. The median-age data, which is presented in the second bar graph, shows that the medin age of superior court civil cases pending on June 30, 1982 is 254 days. Similar data, covering pending cases in the felony and misdemeanor appeal categories, shows median ages of 83 and 69 days, respectively. For superior court civil case dispositions in 1981-82, the median case age at disposition was 307 days, compared to 73 days for felony cases at disposition and 62 days for misdemeanor appeals at disposition. Comparing this median-age data with the same information for 1980-81, it is significant that the median age of pending civil cases dropped from 284 days in 1980-81 to 254 days for 1981-82 and the median age for civil cases at disposition dropped from 315 days in 1980-81 to 307 days in 1981-82. This represents an improvement in the overall pattern of civil case dispositions.

The 1981-82 aging data for pending cases in the two criminal case categories shows increases from the median ages reported for 1980-81. The median age of pending felony cases rose from 81 days in 1980-81 to 83 days in 1981-82, and a similar increase was recorded in the median age of pending misdemeanor appeals from 64 days in 1980-81 to 69 days during 1981-82. The median age of felony cases at disposition also rose during the past fiscal year from 71 days in 1980-81 to 73 days in 1981-82. On the other hand, the median age of misdemeanor appeals declined from 64 days in 1980-81 to 62 days in 1981-82.

These differences in the median ages of cases disposed of or still pending in superior courts can be attributed in part to the priority given criminal cases. The right of a criminal case defendant to a "speedy trial" is guaranteed in both the United States and North Carolina Constitutions; and current North Carolina statutes prescribe that criminal cases must be tried within 120 days of filing unless there has been justifiable delay for one or more of the good causes specified in the statutes. No comparable "standard" for the speedy disposition of civil cases has been adopted in North Carolina, although the North Carolina Constitution does provide that "right and justice shall be administered without favor, denial, or delay" in the section declaring every person's right to legal remedy for "injury in his lands, goods, person or reputation." (Article I, Section 18, N. C. Constitution)

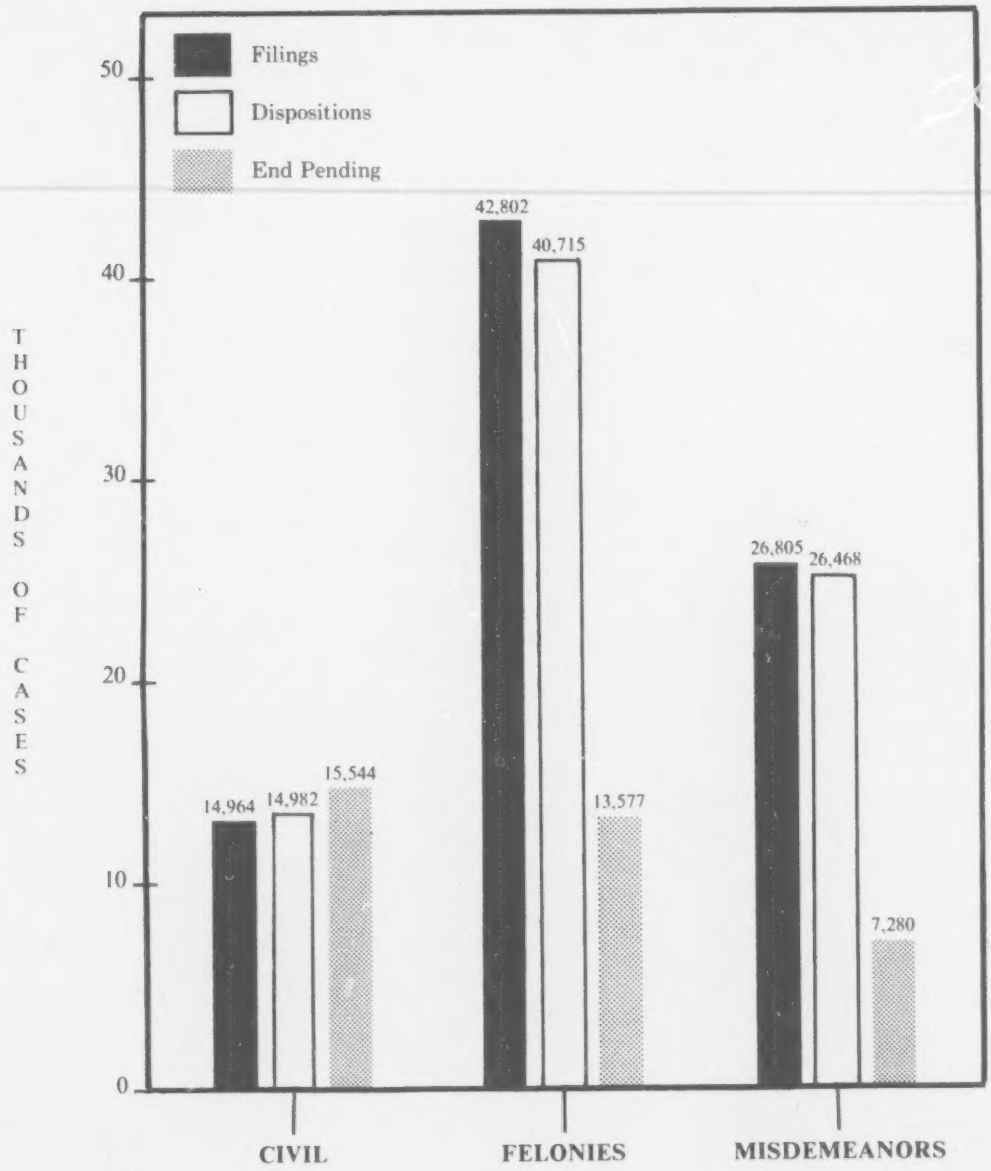
During 1981-82, a Statewide total of 84,571 cases of all types were filed in the superior courts. This represents an increase of only 2,130 (2.6%) over 1980-81 case filings of 82,441, which is considerably below the increase trend for filings in recent years. A review of similar data for the period between 1977 and the end of 1980-81 reveals that filings increased by an average of 6,925 cases a year, or an average rate of increase of 10.2%.

As for the manner of dispositions, it is noteworthy that jury trials in superior court continue to be responsible for a low percentage of case dispositions: 924 civil cases (6.2%) out of a total of 14,982; 2,513 felony cases (6.2%) out of a total of 40,715; and 1,280 misdemeanor cases (4.8%) out of a total of 26,468 misdemeanor dispositions.

The data tables also show that pleas of guilty are entered in a majority (53.6%) of criminal case dispositions.

SUPERIOR COURT CASELOAD

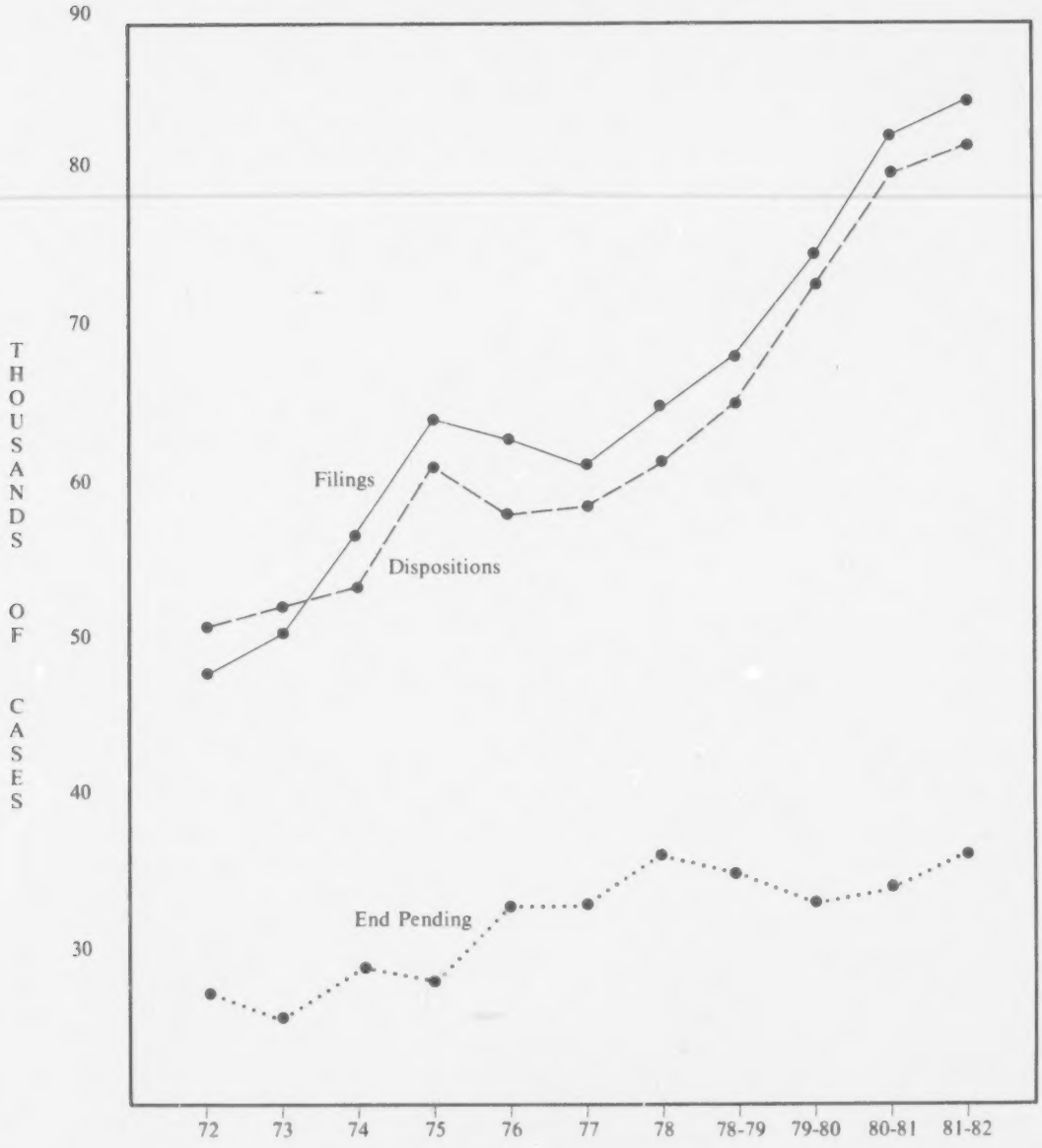
1981-82



Civil case dispositions rose 9.0% during the 1981-82 year and exceeded (100.1%) the number of civil cases filed during the same time period. Felony case filings in 1981-82 increased by less than .1% over the 1980-81 filings, while felony dispositions in 1981-82 decreased by 1.5% from the 1980-81 period.

CASELOAD TRENDS IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

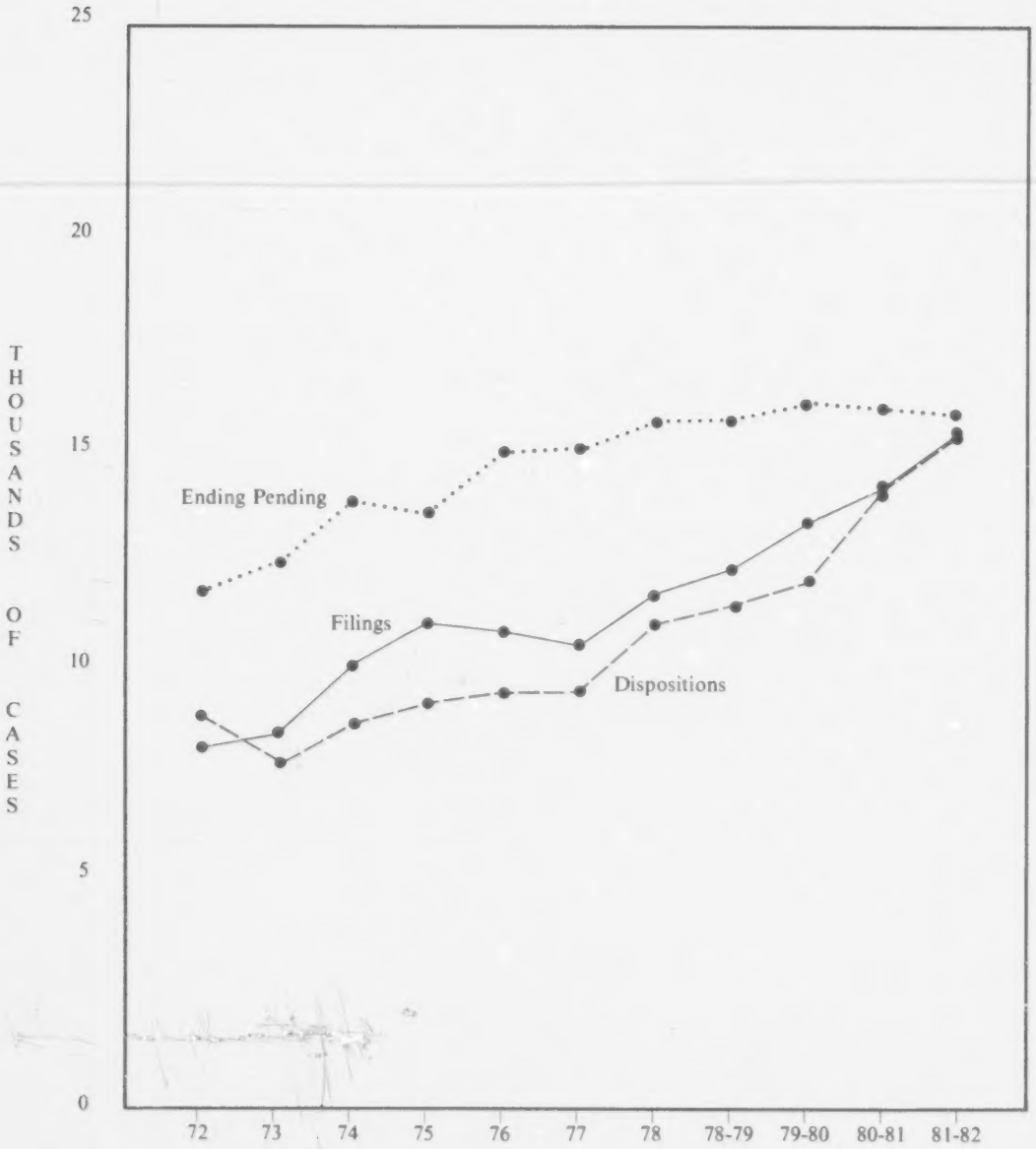
1972-1982



This graph portrays civil and criminal caseload in the superior courts. Filings and dispositions continued the increasing trend of the last four years, but the 1981-82 increase was not as great as in the past. The year-end pending case count increased over last year; the increase is entirely due to criminal cases.

CASELOAD TRENDS OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

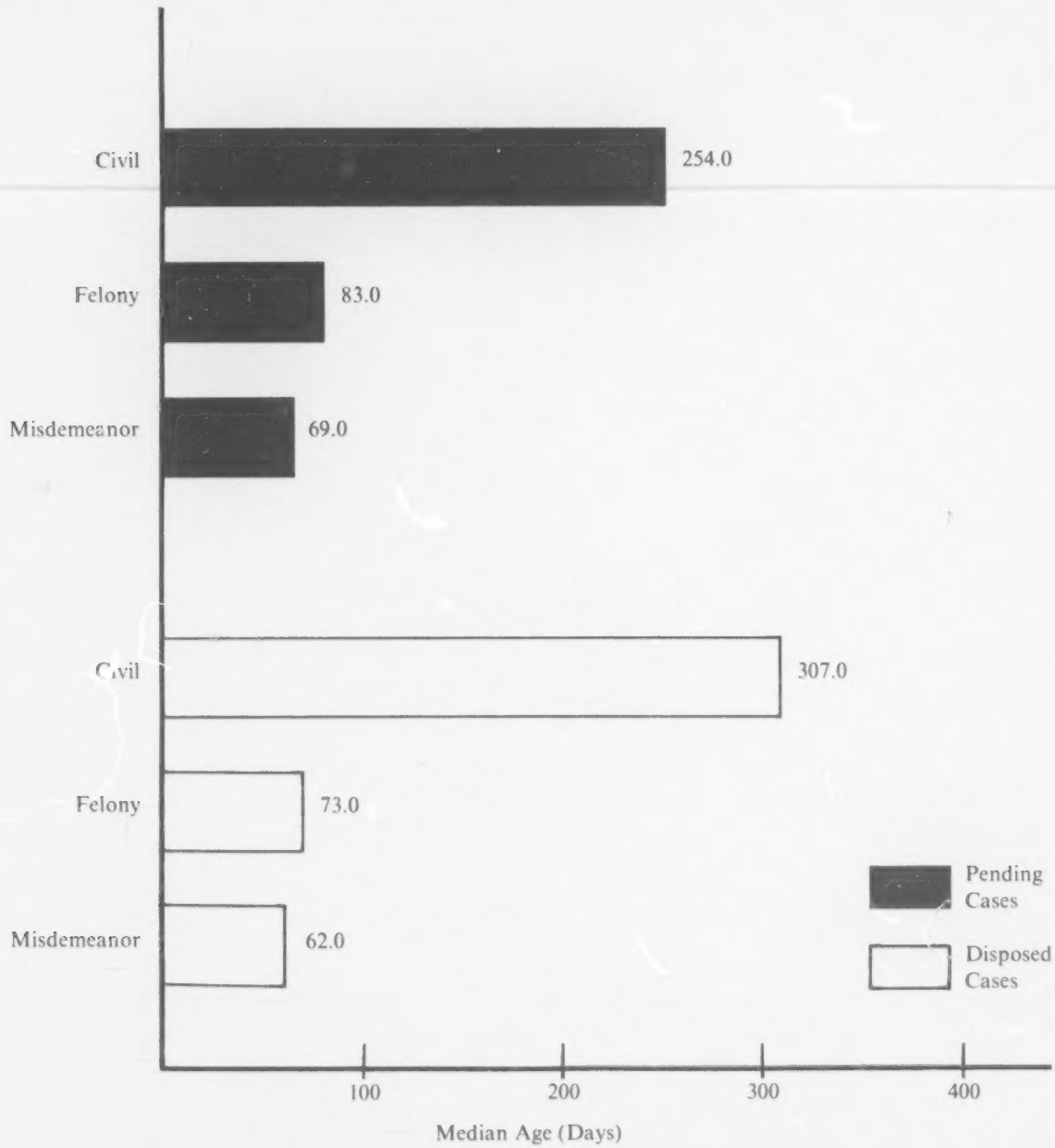
1972-1982



For the first time since 1972, dispositions for civil cases exceeded filings; as a consequence, the volume of year-end pending cases dropped.

LIFETIMES OF SUPERIOR COURT CASES

Median Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/82 and of Cases Disposed of During 1981-82



The median age of a case category is that age with respect to which 50% of all cases in the category are younger and 50% of all cases are older; it is the 50th percentile of ages of all cases in the category. As shown in the above graph, the median age of all civil superior court cases disposed of during 1981-82 was 307 days and the median age of all criminal superior court cases disposed of during 1981-82 was less than 75 days, reflecting the very substantially greater time taken to process civil cases through the superior courts. A similar relationship exists with respect to the median ages of pending civil and criminal cases.

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1981 — June 30, 1982

	Pending 7/1/81	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/82
District 1						
Camden	15	15	30	11	36.6	19
Chowan	31	26	57	30	52.6	27
Currituck	35	13	48	21	43.7	27
Dare	70	78	148	66	44.5	82
Gates	8	11	19	6	31.5	13
Pasquotank	58	57	115	74	64.3	41
Perquimans	36	24	60	28	46.6	32
District Totals	253	224	477	236	49.4	241
District 2						
Beaufort	52	77	129	65	50.3	64
Hyde	19	22	41	26	63.4	15
Martin	42	27	69	30	43.4	39
Tyrrell	10	6	16	8	50.0	8
Washington	24	33	57	27	47.3	30
District Totals	147	165	312	156	50.0	156
District 3						
Carteret	141	152	293	158	53.9	135
Craven	148	180	328	154	46.9	174
Pamlico	19	20	39	24	61.5	15
Pitt	213	244	457	251	54.9	206
District Totals	521	596	1,117	587	52.5	530
District 4						
Duplin	89	98	187	88	47.0	99
Jones	20	18	38	20	52.6	18
Onslow	163	136	299	139	46.4	160
Sampson	79	94	173	101	58.3	72
District Totals	351	346	697	348	49.9	349
District 5						
New Hanover	234	270	504	251	49.8	253
Pender	76	35	111	61	54.9	50
District Totals	310	305	615	312	50.7	303
District 6						
Bertie	47	42	89	46	51.6	43
Halifax	80	74	154	75	48.7	79
Hertford	51	58	109	53	48.6	56
Northampton	33	31	64	29	45.3	35
District Totals	211	205	416	203	48.7	213
District 7						
Edgecombe	83	107	190	117	61.5	73
Nash	145	114	259	116	44.7	143
Wilson	111	108	219	114	52.0	105
District Totals	339	329	668	347	51.9	321
District 8						
Greene	13	9	22	11	50.0	11
Lenoir	132	159	291	153	52.5	138
Wayne	205	231	436	219	50.2	217
District Totals	350	399	749	383	51.1	366
District 9						
Franklin	80	63	143	72	50.3	71
Granville	58	57	115	56	48.6	59
Person	47	46	93	57	61.2	36
Vance	73	79	152	74	48.6	78
Warren	44	17	61	36	59.0	25
District Totals	302	262	564	295	52.3	269

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1981 — June 30, 1982

	Pending 7/1/81	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/82
District 10						
Wake	1,165	1,540	2,705	1,387	51.2	1,318
District 11						
Harnett	132	110	242	147	60.7	95
Johnston	189	280	469	308	65.6	161
Lee	96	68	164	104	63.4	60
District Totals	417	458	875	559	63.8	315
District 12						
Cumberland	384	370	754	355	47.0	399
Hoke	14	8	22	18	81.8	4
District Totals	398	378	776	373	48.0	403
District 13						
Bladen	29	33	62	30	48.3	32
Brunswick	83	57	140	65	46.4	75
Columbus	138	93	231	96	41.5	135
District Totals	250	183	433	191	44.1	242
District 14						
Durham	501	488	989	530	53.5	459
District 15A						
Alamance	192	163	355	167	47.0	188
District 15B						
Chatham	40	49	89	54	60.6	35
Orange	155	184	339	184	54.2	155
District Totals	195	233	428	238	55.6	190
District 16						
Robeson	109	148	257	131	50.9	126
Scotland	34	20	54	30	55.5	24
District Totals	143	168	311	161	51.7	150
District 17A						
Caswell	27	18	45	21	46.6	24
Rockingham	127	159	286	166	58.0	120
District Totals	154	177	331	187	56.4	144
District 17B						
Stokes	21	44	65	39	60.0	26
Surry	100	142	242	144	59.5	98
District Totals	121	186	307	183	59.6	124
District 18 Guilford						
Greensboro	1,249	748	1,997	702	35.1	1,295
High Point	270	235	505	246	48.7	259
District Totals	1,519	983	2,502	948	37.8	1,554
District 19A						
Cabarrus	156	136	292	119	40.7	173
Rowan	149	154	303	158	52.1	145
District Totals	305	290	595	277	46.5	318
District 19B						
Montgomery	23	18	41	19	46.3	22
Randolph	135	146	281	110	39.1	171
District Totals	158	164	322	129	40.0	193

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1981 — June 30, 1982

	Pending 7/1/81	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/82
District 20						
Anson	91	36	127	60	47.2	67
Moore	150	139	289	124	42.9	165
Richmond	121	63	184	62	33.6	122
Stanly	60	87	147	57	38.7	90
Union	154	178	332	167	50.3	165
District Totals	576	503	1,079	470	43.5	609
District 21						
Forsyth	657	668	1,325	755	56.9	570
District 22						
Alexander	25	23	48	37	77.0	11
Davidson	160	201	361	211	58.4	150
Davie	29	56	85	37	43.5	48
Iredell	114	197	311	183	58.8	128
District Totals	328	477	805	468	58.1	337
District 23						
Alleghany	10	12	22	19	86.3	3
Ashe	33	20	53	37	69.8	16
Wilkes	181	142	323	177	54.7	146
Yadkin	29	30	59	36	61.0	23
District Totals	253	204	457	269	58.8	188
District 24						
Avery	20	44	64	32	50.0	32
Madison	19	41	60	32	53.3	28
Mitchell	24	37	61	29	47.5	32
Watauga	54	73	127	61	48.0	66
Yancey	49	29	78	57	73.0	21
District Totals	166	224	390	211	54.1	179
District 25						
Burke	210	186	396	206	52.0	190
Caldwell	171	181	352	185	52.5	167
Catawba	319	312	631	344	54.5	287
District Totals	700	679	1,379	735	53.2	644
District 26						
Mecklenburg	2,488	2,110	4,598	2,051	44.6	2,547
District 27A						
Gaston	544	461	1,005	425	42.2	580
District 27B						
Cleveland	139	170	309	174	56.3	135
Lincoln	46	81	127	87	68.5	40
District Totals	185	251	436	261	59.8	175
District 28						
Buncombe	496	580	1,076	572	53.1	504
District 29						
Henderson	147	116	263	86	32.6	177
McDowell	49	42	91	30	32.9	61
Polk	22	10	32	13	40.6	19
Rutherford	92	84	176	78	44.3	98
Transylvania	43	56	99	56	56.5	43
District Totals	353	308	661	263	39.7	398

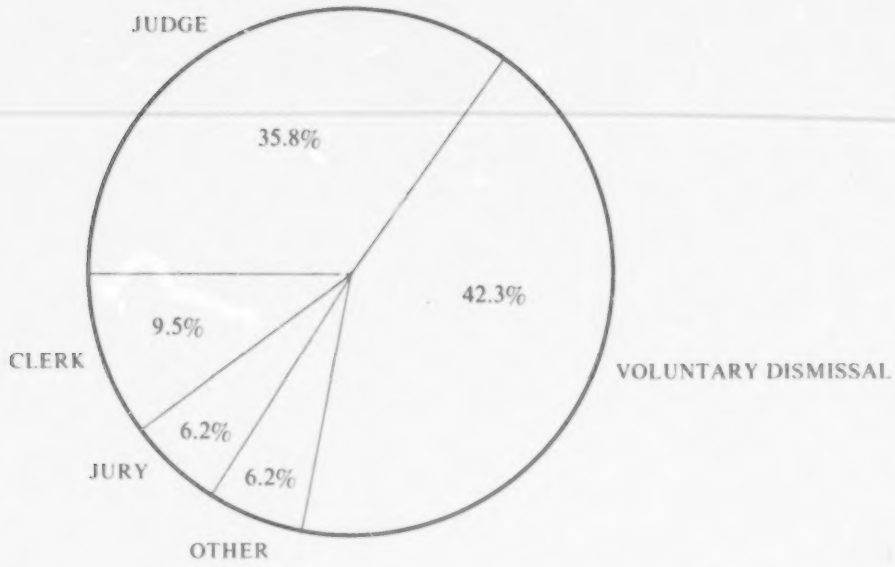
CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1981 — June 30, 1982

District 30	Pending 7/1/81	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/82
Cherokee	31	39	70	28	40.0	42
Clay	12	10	22	11	50.0	11
Graham	19	17	36	19	52.7	17
Haywood	110	79	189	98	51.8	91
Jackson	142	50	192	71	36.9	121
Macon	60	39	99	51	51.5	48
Swain	40	23	63	27	42.8	36
District Totals	414	257	671	305	45.4	366
State Totals	15,462	14,964	30,426	14,982	49.2	15,444

METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL CASES

1981-82



The above graph of disposition methods for civil superior court cases during 1981-82 is very similar to the comparable graph for previous years. As in the past, voluntary dismissals represent the largest number of dispositions. When compared with 1980-81, these percentages show increased dispositions within the voluntary dismissal, judge, jury categories, and declines in the clerk and other categories.

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1981 — June 30, 1982

	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 1						
Camden	11	1	3	2	5	0
Chowan	30	7	2	8	12	1
Currituck	21	11	0	2	7	1
Dare	66	19	0	13	33	1
Gates	6	1	1	2	2	0
Pasquotank	74	21	6	16	15	16
Perquimans	28	9	3	5	11	0
District Totals	236	69	15	48	85	19
District 2						
Beaufort	65	24	5	4	19	13
Hyde	26	10	0	1	14	1
Martin	30	10	1	6	6	7
Tyrrell	8	5	0	1	1	1
Washington	27	3	1	5	18	0
District Totals	156	52	7	17	58	22
District 3						
Carteret	158	56	11	12	72	7
Craven	154	39	21	13	72	9
Pamlico	24	6	1	2	9	6
Pitt	251	77	3	37	124	10
District Totals	587	178	36	64	277	32
District 4						
Duplin	88	22	10	8	43	5
Jones	20	5	0	9	3	3
Onslow	139	50	2	9	78	0
Sampson	101	32	8	10	49	2
District Totals	348	109	20	36	173	10
District 5						
New Hanover	251	106	14	18	113	0
Pender	61	28	7	0	23	3
District Totals	312	134	21	18	136	3
District 6						
Bertie	46	12	2	9	17	6
Halifax	75	29	0	11	27	8
Hertford	53	13	4	11	23	2
Northampton	29	14	1	2	8	4
District Totals	203	68	7	33	75	20
District 7						
Edgecombe	117	51	3	9	52	2
Nash	116	39	9	8	56	4
Wilson	114	38	11	13	47	5
District Totals	347	128	23	30	155	11
District 8						
Greene	11	7	0	3	0	1
Lenoir	153	34	14	29	76	0
Wayne	219	78	21	30	88	2
District Totals	383	119	35	62	164	3
District 9						
Franklin	72	26	0	6	35	5
Granville	56	19	6	7	22	2
Person	57	27	4	4	22	0
Vance	74	38	1	5	27	3
Warren	36	17	0	2	15	2
District Totals	295	127	11	24	121	12

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1981 — June 30, 1982

	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 10						
Wake	1,387	671	55	115	498	48
District 11						
Harnett	147	51	18	3	72	3
Johnston	308	102	13	36	123	34
Lee	104	54	7	4	27	12
District Totals	559	207	38	43	222	49
District 12						
Cumberland	355	117	16	21	200	1
Hoke	18	7	1	1	3	6
District Totals	373	124	17	22	203	7
District 13						
Bladen	30	11	5	1	13	0
Brunswick	65	25	0	4	35	1
Columbus	96	36	13	6	41	0
District Totals	191	72	18	11	89	1
District 14						
Durham	530	153	32	79	247	19
District 15A						
Alamance	167	50	8	17	88	4
District 15B						
Chatham	54	21	4	3	15	11
Orange	184	72	18	13	79	2
District Totals	238	93	22	16	94	13
District 16						
Robeson	131	71	10	5	23	22
Scotland	30	13	2	5	10	0
District Totals	161	84	12	10	33	22
District 17A						
Caswell	21	10	0	1	10	0
Rockingham	166	59	16	24	63	4
District Totals	187	69	16	25	73	4
District 17B						
Stokes	39	15	0	5	18	1
Surry	144	51	4	19	64	6
District Totals	183	66	4	24	82	7
District 18 Guilford						
Greensboro	702	249	49	47	348	9
High Point	246	96	13	24	111	2
District Totals	948	345	62	71	459	11
District 19A						
Cabarrus	119	29	3	13	73	1
Rowan	158	40	17	13	86	2
District Totals	277	69	20	26	159	3
District 19B						
Montgomery	19	6	1	0	12	0
Randolph	110	48	2	10	49	1
District Totals	129	54	3	10	61	1

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

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	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 20						
Anson	60	25	9	3	23	0
Moore	124	37	7	10	70	0
Richmond	62	22	1	14	11	14
Stanly	57	31	0	3	23	0
Union	167	58	16	22	65	6
District Totals	470	173	33	52	192	20
District 21						
Forsyth	755	216	62	70	394	13
District 22						
Alexander	37	17	1	5	12	2
Davidson	211	70	12	24	87	18
Davie	37	10	4	0	18	5
Iredell	183	58	5	31	86	3
District Totals	468	155	22	60	203	28
District 23						
Alleghany	19	11	0	2	2	4
Ashe	37	18	2	1	16	0
Wilkes	177	57	7	12	96	5
Yadkin	36	12	4	4	16	0
District Totals	269	98	13	19	130	9
District 24						
Avery	32	18	0	3	1	10
Madison	32	18	4	1	8	1
Mitchell	29	5	0	2	20	2
Watauga	61	28	0	6	26	1
Yancey	57	21	7	1	16	12
District Totals	211	90	11	13	71	26
District 25						
Burke	206	77	10	17	96	6
Caldwell	185	52	6	18	107	2
Catawba	344	128	23	58	69	66
District Totals	735	257	39	93	272	74
District 26						
Mecklenburg	2,051	611	119	205	739	377
District 27A						
Gaston	425	138	29	27	223	8
District 27B						
Cleveland	174	68	21	13	69	3
Lincoln	87	30	8	8	41	0
District Totals	261	98	29	21	110	3
District 28						
Buncombe	572	223	62	32	251	4
District 29						
Henderson	86	27	4	6	47	2
McDowell	30	11	0	3	13	3
Polk	13	3	1	0	9	0
Rutherford	78	32	7	1	32	6
Transylvania	56	25	4	7	20	0
District Totals	263	98	16	17	121	11

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1981 — June 30, 1982

District 30	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
Cherokee	28	17	0	1	10	0
Clay	11	5	1	3	0	2
Graham	19	4	3	0	9	3
Haywood	98	55	0	4	28	11
Jackson	71	47	0	1	9	14
Macon	51	23	0	4	23	1
Swain	27	14	3	0	6	4
District Totals	305	165	7	13	85	35
State Totals	14,982	5,363	924	1,423	6,343	929

AGES OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/82 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1981-82

	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
District 1																
Camden	19	441.9	307.0	2	4	5	4	4	11	373.9	263.0	4	0	2	3	2
Chowan	27	992.0	418.0	6	3	4	6	8	30	389.0	265.0	7	3	13	3	4
Currituck	27	574.1	476.0	2	3	5	10	7	21	630.2	618.0	2	3	2	6	8
Dare	82	466.1	277.5	12	18	15	17	20	66	359.4	161.5	25	9	11	11	10
Gates	13	343.7	294.0	2	3	3	3	2	6	371.2	97.5	3	1	0	1	1
Pasquotank	41	252.0	244.0	10	6	14	9	2	74	257.5	210.5	19	14	27	12	2
Perquimans	32	330.9	263.0	6	6	6	11	3	28	372.4	384.5	4	3	6	12	3
District Totals	241	474.2	295.0	40	43	52	60	46	236	357.8	241.0	64	33	61	48	30
District 2																
Beaufort	64	420.8	189.5	17	14	18	9	6	65	335.9	199.0	14	13	20	11	7
Hyde	15	455.5	194.0	4	3	2	2	4	26	429.0	244.0	3	5	8	4	6
Martin	39	454.2	307.0	4	7	11	10	7	30	541.7	408.0	4	1	8	14	3
Tyrrell	8	292.7	154.0	4	0	1	2	1	8	407.0	356.0	2	0	2	3	1
Washington	30	237.3	238.0	7	5	13	5	0	27	521.7	395.0	4	3	6	9	5
District Totals	156	390.6	229.0	36	29	45	28	18	156	426.8	296.5	27	22	44	41	22
District 3																
Carteret	135	279.7	211.0	30	27	36	35	7	158	331.8	278.5	40	18	52	34	14
Craven	174	278.2	163.0	50	41	41	29	13	154	444.9	312.0	29	24	33	38	30
Pamlico	15	312.0	244.0	2	4	5	3	1	24	335.9	272.5	3	5	6	7	3
Pitt	206	288.7	197.0	62	35	54	38	17	251	349.2	216.0	61	47	63	50	30
District Totals	530	283.6	196.5	144	107	136	105	38	587	369.1	261.0	133	94	154	129	77
District 4																
Duplin	99	342.4	265.0	16	16	27	32	8	88	274.0	193.5	24	17	23	16	8
Jones	18	514.2	432.5	2	4	2	5	5	20	306.9	185.0	7	1	5	6	1
Onslow	160	400.6	262.5	30	23	45	35	27	139	483.9	329.0	23	16	40	29	31
Sampson	72	278.5	202.5	17	15	20	16	4	101	334.5	215.0	30	13	32	16	10
District Totals	349	364.8	253.0	65	58	94	88	44	348	377.3	254.5	84	47	100	67	50
District 5																
New Hanover	253	277.9	204.0	76	35	75	49	18	251	471.0	345.0	52	25	57	58	59
Pender	50	571.3	516.5	5	5	8	22	10	61	543.8	393.0	7	9	12	23	10
District Totals	303	326.3	229.0	81	40	83	71	28	312	485.2	354.0	59	34	69	81	69
District 6																
Bertie	43	269.5	181.0	6	15	11	9	2	46	386.6	305.5	8	4	16	12	6
Halifax	79	413.8	223.0	18	15	18	14	14	75	373.3	323.0	13	11	20	21	10
Hertford	56	372.9	210.5	14	12	13	8	9	53	334.0	224.0	16	7	7	19	4
Northampton	35	396.5	197.0	12	5	5	6	7	29	402.9	340.0	4	3	9	9	4
District Totals	213	371.1	205.0	50	47	47	37	32	203	370.3	309.0	41	25	52	61	24

AGES OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/82 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1981-82

	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
District 7																
Edgecombe	73	218.0	133.0	29	17	12	12	3	117	415.6	290.0	27	17	26	29	18
Nash	143	419.6	279.0	21	23	38	36	25	116	416.5	314.5	21	11	37	30	17
Wilson	105	337.2	202.0	26	25	19	24	11	114	379.0	278.0	22	16	27	34	15
District Totals	321	346.8	230.0	76	65	69	72	39	347	403.9	301.0	70	44	90	93	50
District 8																
Greene	11	301.3	257.0	3	2	2	3	1	11	227.5	198.0	1	4	5	1	0
Lenoir	138	256.4	200.0	34	30	42	26	6	153	350.5	288.0	35	18	40	47	13
Wayne	217	339.7	280.0	40	33	71	57	16	219	378.4	278.0	63	22	48	55	31
District Totals	366	307.1	246.0	77	65	115	86	23	383	362.9	285.0	99	44	93	103	44
District 9																
Franklin	71	469.7	266.0	13	13	19	17	9	72	514.1	314.5	11	12	20	13	16
Granville	59	343.5	219.0	13	11	17	11	7	56	388.4	307.0	10	9	15	13	9
Person	36	336.9	313.5	6	7	10	10	3	57	421.5	280.0	18	7	8	13	11
Vance	78	282.8	156.0	23	19	16	12	8	74	675.9	484.0	14	6	11	14	29
Warren	25	432.4	343.0	5	4	5	8	3	36	765.2	648.0	1	4	5	13	13
District Totals	269	366.6	226.0	60	54	67	58	30	295	543.6	347.0	54	38	59	66	78
District 10																
Wake	1,318	271.2	226.0	369	215	405	261	68	1,387	300.8	196.0	317	347	261	355	107
District 11																
Harnett	95	244.2	205.0	24	16	37	13	5	147	458.6	393.0	19	26	24	49	29
Johnston	161	214.7	140.0	55	34	42	24	6	308	311.7	157.5	111	51	40	75	31
Lee	60	298.5	225.5	16	9	13	17	5	104	452.8	355.0	20	14	18	31	21
District Totals	316	239.5	190.0	95	59	92	54	16	559	376.6	274.0	150	91	82	155	81
District 12																
Cumberland	399	327.5	230.0	106	70	90	92	41	355	405.9	309.0	62	57	86	95	55
Hoke	4	148.5	126.0	2	0	2	0	0	18	524.4	363.5	2	4	3	2	7
District Totals	403	325.7	230.0	108	70	92	92	41	373	411.6	311.0	64	61	89	97	62
District 13																
Bladen	32	219.9	187.5	8	8	9	7	0	30	430.6	376.0	3	3	8	12	4
Brunswick	75	333.9	316.0	14	10	16	32	3	65	548.2	461.0	12	1	13	21	18
Columbus	135	383.5	345.0	20	24	26	47	18	96	532.6	464.0	17	5	20	26	28
District Totals	242	346.5	308.5	42	42	51	86	21	191	521.9	442.0	32	9	41	59	50
District 14																
Durham	459	323.5	239.0	125	64	115	105	50	530	443.3	300.0	124	67	105	115	119

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Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/82 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1981-82

	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
District 15A																
Alamance	188	477.4	335.0	34	24	44	46	40	167	384.0	298.0	52	13	35	42	25
District 15B																
Chatham	35	234.9	252.0	7	7	10	11	0	54	371.9	270.5	16	4	15	11	8
Orange	155	236.6	163.0	41	40	44	24	6	184	347.0	293.5	31	29	57	51	16
District Totals	190	236.3	181.0	48	47	54	35	6	238	352.6	293.0	47	33	72	62	24
District 16																
Robeson	126	299.4	233.0	28	26	36	27	9	131	325.0	225.0	33	24	29	34	11
Scotland	24	407.5	372.5	4	3	5	9	3	30	494.0	342.0	8	3	5	5	9
District Totals	150	316.7	240.0	32	29	41	36	12	161	356.5	254.0	41	27	34	39	20
District 17A																
Caswell	24	497.8	378.5	5	3	4	5	7	21	426.6	316.0	1	4	5	7	4
Rockingham	120	184.0	134.5	41	38	23	17	1	166	305.6	252.0	42	28	38	51	7
District Totals	144	236.3	140.0	46	41	27	22	8	187	319.2	270.0	43	32	43	58	11
District 17B																
Stokes	26	209.9	150.5	11	4	8	1	2	39	315.6	222.0	7	6	15	8	3
Surry	98	194.2	135.5	42	14	31	7	4	144	327.5	308.0	39	14	33	48	10
District Totals	124	197.5	138.0	53	18	39	8	6	183	325.0	288.0	46	20	48	56	13
District 18 Guilford																
Greensboro	1,295	596.1	446.0	207	128	224	319	417	702	582.0	420.0	137	84	105	180	196
High Point	259	413.3	308.0	55	29	65	72	38	246	607.6	313.5	61	37	32	38	78
District Totals	1,554	565.6	413.5	262	157	289	391	455	948	588.6	397.0	198	121	137	218	274
District 19A																
Cabarrus	173	449.7	363.0	28	27	42	46	30	119	388.7	328.0	26	14	25	36	18
Rowan	145	269.5	251.0	41	19	40	42	3	158	330.0	335.0	38	20	30	62	8
District Totals	318	367.5	292.5	69	46	82	88	33	277	355.2	332.0	64	34	55	98	26
District 19B																
Montgomery	22	354.8	215.0	6	4	5	4	3	19	420.5	351.0	3	1	6	6	3
Randolph	171	337.6	245.0	52	24	33	38	24	110	319.1	290.0	23	16	32	30	9
District Totals	193	339.6	236.0	58	28	38	42	27	129	334.0	292.0	26	17	38	36	12
District 20																
Anson	67	639.7	456.0	7	4	16	14	26	60	780.7	537.0	10	3	12	12	23
Moore	165	384.8	204.0	42	13	51	23	36	124	520.1	475.5	17	19	18	35	35
Richmond	122	564.1	518.5	17	14	17	40	34	62	469.1	406.0	15	4	11	16	16
Stanly	90	339.4	212.0	12	28	33	7	10	57	505.5	510.0	12	1	11	22	11
Union	165	303.1	223.0	31	36	53	32	13	167	448.8	321.0	42	20	31	41	33
District Totals	609	419.9	286.0	109	95	170	116	119	470	519.5	392.5	96	47	83	126	118

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Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/82 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1981-82

	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
District 21																
Forsyth	570	305.0	226.0	134	115	170	100	51	755	394.8	315.0	153	90	195	209	108
District 22																
Alexander	11	190.1	126.0	5	4	1	0	1	37	270.3	245.0	10	4	11	11	1
Davidson	150	221.1	214.5	47	20	61	22	0	211	331.6	292.0	47	23	59	62	20
Davie	48	162.4	133.5	18	10	16	4	0	37	339.9	266.0	3	8	10	15	1
Iredell	128	208.9	135.5	39	31	37	17	4	183	264.3	180.0	60	32	38	42	11
District Totals	337	207.1	162.0	109	65	115	43	5	468	301.1	240.0	120	67	118	130	33
District 23																
Alleghany	3	163.0	203.0	1	0	2	0	0	19	249.1	250.0	5	1	8	5	0
Ashe	16	259.1	62.0	10	1	1	2	2	37	616.2	457.0	2	3	7	14	11
Wilkes	146	292.1	260.5	38	17	37	50	4	177	422.3	506.0	34	22	16	86	19
Yadkin	23	236.5	175.0	7	5	5	5	1	36	298.2	269.5	7	4	14	10	1
District Totals	188	280.4	226.0	56	23	45	57	7	269	420.1	405.0	48	30	45	115	31
District 24																
Avery	32	337.6	195.0	10	3	13	3	3	32	260.9	155.5	7	13	8	1	3
Madison	28	187.3	193.5	9	5	11	3	0	32	335.5	249.0	6	5	10	8	3
Mitchell	32	303.9	110.5	14	3	6	7	2	29	234.7	144.0	9	8	3	8	1
Watauga	66	219.5	165.5	19	17	18	10	2	61	341.4	311.0	9	10	19	19	4
Yancey	21	378.3	252.0	3	4	6	5	3	57	464.6	459.0	6	8	11	19	13
District Totals	179	269.3	191.0	55	32	54	28	10	211	346.9	255.0	37	44	51	55	24
District 25																
Burke	190	403.3	277.5	42	29	54	46	19	206	703.3	418.0	39	24	30	45	68
Caldwell	167	290.8	223.0	39	31	49	34	14	185	377.4	328.0	42	24	38	63	18
Catawba	287	254.1	203.0	78	58	71	70	10	344	349.2	314.0	78	49	76	103	38
District Totals	644	307.6	225.0	159	118	174	150	43	735	455.5	332.0	159	97	144	211	124
District 26																
Mecklenburg	2,547	364.2	293.0	478	378	643	716	332	2,051	480.5	372.0	435	258	312	460	586
District 27A																
Gaston	580	404.3	322.5	83	96	144	180	77	425	474.7	374.0	111	35	63	121	95
District 27B																
Cleveland	135	182.8	142.0	51	31	36	15	2	174	382.1	323.5	27	27	44	57	19
Lincoln	40	130.9	122.0	16	14	9	1	0	87	243.1	203.0	27	13	25	19	3
District Totals	175	170.0	132.0	67	45	45	16	2	261	335.8	260.0	54	40	69	76	22
District 28																
Buncombe	504	297.4	190.0	132	114	138	67	53	572	322.2	278.0	126	67	189	148	42

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	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
District 29																
Henderson	177	446.5	341.0	26	25	44	54	28	86	462.5	352.5	19	4	22	18	23
McDowell	61	463.3	383.0	7	12	11	20	11	30	550.9	355.5	2	7	7	8	6
Polk	19	467.4	504.0	3	0	3	11	2	13	506.4	470.0	3	1	1	4	4
Rutherford	98	338.8	282.0	20	16	26	27	9	78	451.1	471.5	12	6	12	33	15
Transylvania	43	303.9	236.0	10	6	17	5	5	56	412.1	341.5	16	6	9	13	12
District Totals	398	408.1	312.0	66	59	101	117	55	263	460.6	371.0	52	24	51	76	60
District 30																
Cherokee	42	372.9	265.0	9	8	14	7	4	28	352.9	228.0	6	7	5	6	4
Clay	11	339.8	393.0	1	4	0	5	1	11	319.5	253.0	5	0	2	2	2
Graham	17	297.9	285.0	4	3	4	4	2	19	489.1	389.0	1	3	5	5	5
Haywood	91	381.5	253.0	17	23	16	20	15	98	456.1	426.0	13	14	17	31	23
Jackson	121	593.6	602.0	17	7	15	38	44	71	872.7	896.0	5	7	6	11	42
Macon	48	533.2	320.0	6	10	11	12	9	51	491.1	460.0	13	3	4	16	15
Swain	36	455.0	284.5	6	4	9	5	12	27	532.1	472.0	4	1	2	18	2
District Totals	366	472.6	338.0	60	59	69	91	87	305	553.3	469.0	47	35	41	89	93
State Totals	15,444	357.9	254.0	3,478	2,547	3,945	3,552	1,922	14,982	417.7	307.0	3,273	2,087	3,123	3,895	2,604

CASELOAD TRENDS IN ESTATES AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS

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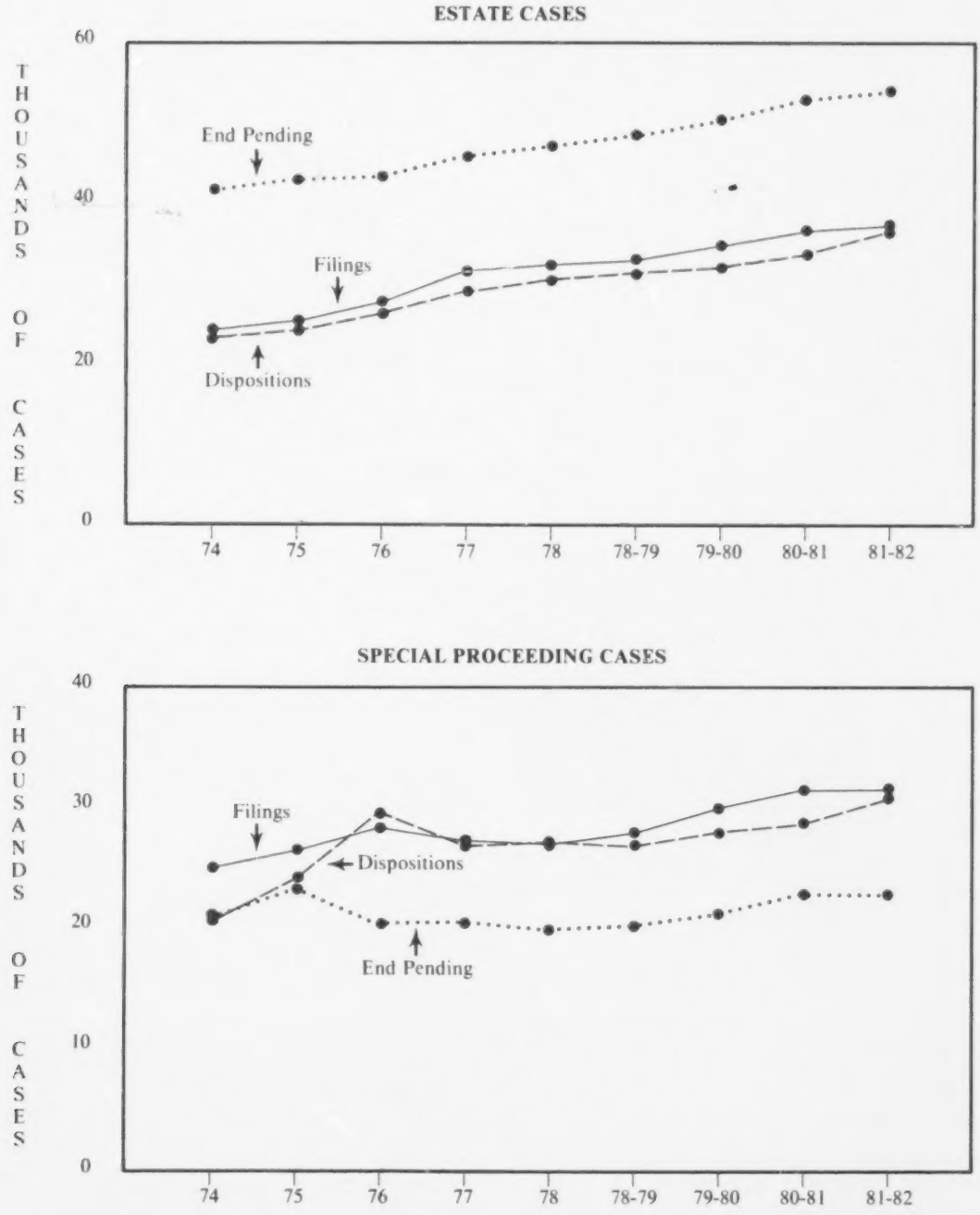

During 1981-82, estate caseloads continued the established increasing trend of the past. Special proceedings filings increased by only 1.2% over the 1980-81 filings, but dispositions increased by 7.4% during the same period; this disparity is reflected in the decrease in pending cases at the end of the 1981-82 year.

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	Pending 7/1/81	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/82	Pending 7/1/81	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/82
District 1												
Camden	51	41	92	53	57.6	39	12	21	33	14	42.4	19
Chowan	189	118	307	122	39.7	185	88	52	140	44	31.4	96
Currituck	134	85	219	105	47.9	114	49	71	120	67	55.8	53
Dare	464	118	582	89	15.2	493	83	87	170	58	34.1	112
Gates	44	46	90	30	33.3	60	15	21	36	18	50.0	18
Pasquotank	255	219	474	227	47.8	247	70	110	180	96	53.3	84
Perquimans	155	91	246	82	33.3	164	28	45	73	34	46.5	39
District Totals	1,292	718	2,010	708	35.2	1,302	345	407	752	331	44.0	421
District 2												
Beaufort	541	353	894	317	35.4	577	414	177	591	209	35.3	382
Hyde	60	80	140	82	58.5	58	31	34	65	31	47.6	34
Martin	249	191	440	194	44.0	246	123	121	244	125	51.2	119
Tyrrell	30	26	56	20	35.7	36	10	13	23	14	60.8	9
Washington	139	122	261	128	49.0	133	54	61	115	49	42.6	66
District Totals	1,019	772	1,791	741	41.3	1,050	632	406	1,038	428	41.2	610
District 3												
Carteret	363	324	687	293	42.6	394	124	144	268	152	56.7	116
Craven	524	385	909	417	45.8	492	181	270	451	284	62.9	167
Pamlico	91	68	159	76	47.7	83	37	39	76	25	32.8	51
Pitt	591	536	1,127	502	44.5	625	148	461	609	467	76.6	142
District Totals	1,569	1,313	2,882	1,288	44.6	1,594	490	914	1,404	928	66.0	476
District 4												
Duplin	416	307	723	263	36.3	460	413	319	732	281	38.3	451
Jones	69	48	117	47	40.1	70	66	23	89	20	22.4	69
Onslow	431	326	757	279	36.8	478	354	531	885	497	56.1	388
Sampson	431	361	792	338	42.6	454	142	266	408	260	63.7	148
District Totals	1,347	1,042	2,389	927	38.8	1,462	975	1,139	2,114	1,058	50.0	1,056
District 5												
New Hanover	1,175	764	1,939	671	34.6	1,268	468	791	1,259	1,046	83.0	213
Pender	182	142	324	125	38.5	199	113	86	199	82	41.2	117
District Totals	1,357	906	2,263	796	35.1	1,467	581	877	1,458	1,128	77.3	330
District 6												
Bertie	211	169	380	192	50.5	188	86	92	178	99	55.6	79
Halifax	579	372	951	335	35.2	616	469	265	734	240	32.6	494
Hertford	202	175	377	200	53.0	177	109	91	200	110	55.0	90
Northampton	189	187	376	180	47.8	196	80	98	178	78	43.8	100
District Totals	1,181	903	2,084	907	43.5	1,177	744	546	1,290	527	40.8	763
District 7												
Edgecombe	396	435	831	427	51.3	404	219	238	457	236	51.6	221
Nash	518	419	937	388	41.4	549	372	266	638	410	64.2	228
Wilson	579	430	1,009	359	35.5	650	326	311	637	289	45.3	348
District Totals	1,493	1,284	2,777	1,174	42.2	1,603	917	815	1,732	935	53.9	797
District 8												
Greene	111	123	234	118	50.4	116	91	80	171	101	59.0	70
Lenoir	409	460	869	507	58.3	362	299	469	768	462	60.1	306
Wayne	881	647	1,528	574	37.5	954	369	842	1,211	748	61.7	463
District Totals	1,401	1,230	2,631	1,199	45.5	1,432	759	1,391	2,150	1,311	60.9	839
District 9												
Franklin	367	208	575	169	29.3	406	162	167	329	101	30.6	228
Granville	255	211	466	231	49.5	235	120	354	474	426	89.8	48
Person	243	188	431	179	41.5	252	143	105	248	131	52.8	117
Vance	352	258	610	241	39.5	369	141	189	330	175	53.0	155
Warren	267	189	456	232	50.8	224	108	108	216	138	63.8	78
District Totals	1,484	1,054	2,538	1,052	41.4	1,486	674	923	1,597	971	60.8	626

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District 10	Pending 7/1/81	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/82	Pending 7/1/81	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/82
Wake	2,869	1,509	4,378	1,286	29.3	3,092	1,035	1,285	2,320	1,167	50.3	1,153
District 11												
Harnett	456	425	881	344	39.0	537	367	255	622	362	58.1	260
Johnston	698	594	1,292	606	46.9	686	228	591	819	668	81.5	151
Lee	468	244	712	228	32.0	484	299	221	520	192	36.9	328
District Totals	1,622	1,263	2,885	1,178	40.8	1,707	894	1,067	1,961	1,222	62.3	739
District 12												
Cumberland	772	806	1,578	818	51.8	760	485	1,143	1,628	1,121	68.8	507
Hoke	138	109	247	136	55.0	111	56	90	146	87	59.5	59
District Totals	910	915	1,825	954	52.2	871	541	1,233	1,774	1,208	68.0	566
District 13												
Bladen	128	167	295	165	55.9	130	53	213	266	194	72.9	72
Brunswick	224	263	487	176	36.1	311	160	234	394	208	52.7	186
Columbus	407	294	701	303	43.2	398	417	276	693	227	32.7	466
District Totals	759	724	1,483	644	43.4	839	630	723	1,353	629	46.4	724
District 14												
Durham	1,647	999	2,646	1,020	38.5	1,626	228	1,000	1,228	1,001	81.5	227
District 15A												
Alamance	679	706	1,385	703	50.7	682	212	476	688	475	69.0	213
District 15B												
Chatham	302	230	532	196	36.8	336	115	122	237	106	44.7	131
Orange	782	439	1,221	443	36.2	778	423	622	1,045	550	52.6	495
District Totals	1,084	669	1,753	639	36.4	1,114	538	744	1,282	656	51.1	626
District 16												
Robeson	538	576	1,114	616	55.2	498	292	424	716	489	68.2	227
Scotland	270	208	478	188	39.3	290	168	130	298	134	44.9	164
District Totals	808	784	1,592	804	50.5	788	460	554	1,014	623	61.4	391
District 17A												
Caswell	173	112	285	135	47.3	150	120	76	196	72	36.7	124
Rockingham	794	563	1,357	599	44.1	758	442	343	785	253	32.2	532
District Totals	967	675	1,642	734	44.7	908	562	419	981	325	33.1	656
District 17B												
Stokes	203	142	345	138	40.0	207	63	104	167	112	67.0	55
Surry	566	408	974	448	45.9	526	146	341	487	291	59.7	196
District Totals	769	550	1,319	586	44.4	733	209	445	654	403	61.6	251
District 18												
Guilford	2,797	1,938	4,735	1,761	37.1	2,974	877	1,896	2,773	1,846	66.5	927
District 19A												
Cabarrus	780	744	1,524	712	46.7	812	237	415	652	388	59.5	264
Rowan	1,060	959	2,019	929	46.0	1,090	332	831	1,163	758	65.1	405
District Totals	1,840	1,703	3,543	1,641	46.3	1,902	569	1,246	1,815	1,146	63.1	669
District 19B												
Montgomery	226	179	405	239	59.0	166	100	130	230	20	8.6	210
Randolph	559	499	1,058	490	46.3	568	202	335	537	323	60.1	214
District Totals	785	678	1,463	729	49.8	734	302	465	767	343	44.7	424

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District 20	Pending 7/1/81	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/82	Pending 7/1/81	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/82
Anson	502	147	649	203	31.2	446	123	67	190	48	25.2	142
Moore	750	461	1,211	376	31.0	835	140	301	441	286	64.8	155
Richmond	724	314	1,038	251	24.1	787	463	211	674	267	39.6	407
Stanly	1,064	363	1,427	326	22.8	1,101	267	308	575	293	50.9	282
Union	562	374	936	329	35.1	607	232	274	506	195	38.5	311
District Totals	3,602	1,659	5,261	1,485	28.2	3,776	1,225	1,161	2,386	1,089	45.6	1,297
District 21												
Forsyth	1,940	1,521	3,461	1,447	41.8	2,014	272	1,266	1,538	1,283	83.4	255
District 22												
Alexander	127	150	277	156	56.3	121	89	111	200	165	82.5	35
Davidson	766	685	1,451	706	48.6	745	210	458	668	390	58.3	278
Davie	150	134	284	140	49.2	144	69	148	217	126	58.0	91
Iredell	693	625	1,318	647	49.0	671	123	440	563	401	71.2	162
District Totals	1,736	1,594	3,330	1,649	49.5	1,681	491	1,157	1,648	1,082	65.6	566
District 23												
Alleghany	96	82	178	85	47.7	93	16	59	75	59	78.6	16
Ashe	138	184	322	158	49.0	164	36	119	155	107	69.0	48
Wilkes	326	241	567	234	41.2	333	332	433	765	368	48.1	397
Yadkin	268	207	475	228	48.0	247	68	148	216	136	62.9	80
District Totals	828	714	1,542	705	45.7	837	452	759	1,211	670	55.3	541
District 24												
Avery	127	88	215	81	37.6	134	78	100	178	102	57.3	76
Madison	154	101	255	86	33.7	169	71	48	119	50	42.0	69
Mitchell	415	115	530	92	17.3	438	77	69	146	43	29.4	103
Watauga	258	128	386	147	38.0	239	119	145	264	118	44.6	146
Yancey	116	106	222	78	35.1	144	61	70	131	64	48.8	67
District Totals	1,070	538	1,608	484	30.0	1,124	406	432	838	377	44.9	461
District 25												
Burke	645	387	1,032	310	30.0	722	203	491	694	510	73.4	184
Caldwell	638	370	1,008	394	39.0	614	462	380	842	540	64.1	302
Catawba	1,066	627	1,693	530	31.3	1,163	369	474	843	474	56.2	369
District Totals	2,349	1,384	3,733	1,234	33.0	2,499	1,034	1,345	2,379	1,524	64.0	855
District 26												
Mecklenburg	3,578	2,608	6,186	2,736	44.2	3,450	1,616	2,319	3,935	2,100	53.3	1,835
District 27A												
Gaston	1,653	1,044	2,697	1,221	45.2	1,476	827	900	1,727	964	55.8	763
District 27B												
Cleveland	493	540	1,033	470	45.4	563	130	502	632	471	74.5	161
Lincoln	279	275	554	292	52.7	262	90	204	294	194	65.9	100
District Totals	772	815	1,587	762	48.0	825	220	706	926	665	71.8	261
District 28												
Buncombe	2,104	1,257	3,361	1,367	40.6	1,994	735	957	1,692	902	53.3	790
District 29												
Henderson	584	566	1,150	475	41.3	675	110	278	388	237	61.0	151
McDowell	316	207	523	189	36.1	334	205	189	394	156	39.5	238
Polk	209	165	374	154	41.1	220	19	74	93	66	70.9	27
Rutherford	443	378	821	407	49.5	414	268	314	582	283	48.6	299
Transylvania	388	150	538	89	16.5	449	182	108	290	36	12.4	254
District Totals	1,940	1,466	3,406	1,314	38.5	2,092	784	963	1,747	778	44.5	969

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	Estates						Special Proceedings					
District 30	Pending 7/1/81	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/82	Pending 7/1/81	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/82
Cherokee	310	133	443	83	18.7	360	48	92	140	64	45.7	76
Clay	41	47	88	44	50.0	44	17	34	51	36	70.5	15
Graham	69	28	97	24	24.7	73	21	27	48	23	47.9	25
Haywood	483	330	813	396	48.7	417	200	229	429	248	57.8	181
Jackson	358	157	515	104	20.1	411	132	117	249	79	31.7	170
Macon	357	153	510	112	21.9	398	279	197	476	192	40.3	284
Swain	138	55	193	53	27.4	140	59	41	100	47	47.0	53
District Totals	1,756	903	2,659	816	30.6	1,843	756	737	1,493	689	46.1	804
State Totals	53,007	37,838	90,845	36,691	40.3	54,154	21,992	31,673	53,665	30,784	57.3	22,881

CASELOAD TRENDS OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

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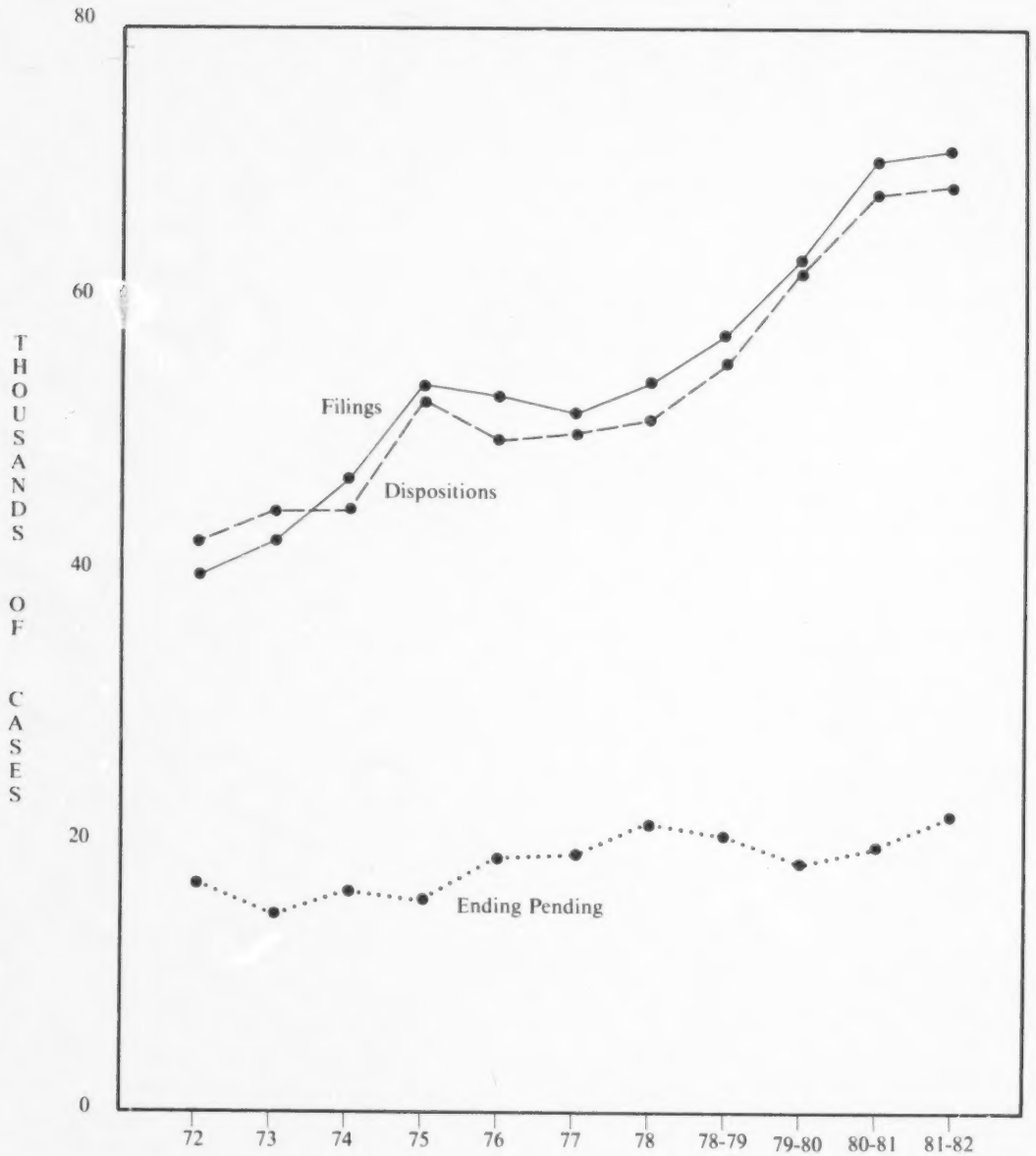

Criminal superior case filings increased by only 1.3% during 1981-82, with a comparably small increase in dispositions of 0.9%. Trends among criminal cases in the superior courts are determined largely by felony cases, which substantially outnumber misdemeanor appeal cases.

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

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	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
District 1	Pending 7/1/81	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/82	Pending 7/1/81	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/82
Camden	7	35	42	34	80.9	8	8	46	54	35	64.8	19
Chowan	8	103	111	86	77.4	25	56	213	269	222	82.5	47
Currituck	9	57	66	44	66.6	22	48	180	228	195	85.5	33
Dare	64	118	182	154	84.6	28	89	322	411	307	74.6	104
Gates	12	55	67	50	74.6	17	15	73	88	76	86.3	12
Pasquotank	35	241	276	216	78.2	60	61	587	648	551	85.0	97
Perquimans	27	95	122	113	92.6	9	27	109	136	120	88.2	16
District Totals	162	704	866	697	80.4	169	304	1,530	1,834	1,506	82.1	328
District 2												
Beaufort	97	279	376	290	77.1	86	47	196	243	160	65.8	83
Hyde	7	33	40	33	82.5	7	23	36	59	27	45.7	32
Martin	47	190	237	178	75.1	59	36	101	137	74	54.0	63
Tyrrell	6	51	57	35	61.4	22	12	62	74	51	68.9	23
Washington	18	130	148	94	63.5	54	13	88	101	81	80.1	20
District Totals	175	683	858	630	73.4	228	131	483	614	393	64.0	221
District 3												
Carteret	52	299	351	264	75.2	87	34	82	116	94	81.0	22
Craven	98	603	701	497	70.8	204	21	260	281	219	77.9	62
Pamlico	23	62	85	51	60.0	34	8	55	63	57	90.4	6
Pitt	133	709	842	630	74.8	212	82	419	501	366	73.0	135
District Totals	306	1,673	1,979	1,442	72.8	537	145	816	961	736	76.5	225
District 4												
Duplin	34	396	430	368	85.5	62	29	88	117	116	99.1	1
Jones	1	43	44	41	93.1	3	3	13	16	13	81.2	3
Onslow	266	1,270	1,536	1,242	80.8	294	18	184	202	171	84.6	31
Sampson	90	550	640	515	80.4	125	7	66	73	66	90.4	7
District Totals	391	2,259	2,650	2,166	81.7	484	57	351	408	366	89.7	42
District 5												
New Hanover	361	1,656	2,017	1,653	81.9	364	109	864	973	770	79.1	203
Pender	11	151	162	97	59.8	65	40	98	138	104	75.3	34
District Totals	372	1,807	2,179	1,750	80.3	429	149	962	1,111	874	78.6	237
District 6												
Bertie	70	113	183	126	68.8	57	38	77	115	80	69.5	35
Halifax	117	395	512	401	78.3	111	81	232	313	225	71.8	88
Hertford	23	119	142	100	70.4	42	14	124	138	94	68.1	44
Northampton	23	73	96	77	80.2	19	55	79	134	114	85.0	20
District Totals	233	700	933	704	75.4	229	188	512	700	513	73.2	187
District 7												
Edgecombe	43	183	226	184	81.4	42	34	251	285	244	85.6	41
Nash	87	577	664	543	81.7	121	85	266	351	284	80.9	67
Wilson	133	440	573	443	77.3	130	83	385	468	372	79.4	96
District Totals	263	1,200	1,463	1,170	79.9	293	202	902	1,104	900	81.5	204
District 8												
Greene	37	102	139	93	66.9	46	19	76	95	57	60.0	38
Lenoir	98	406	504	416	82.5	88	104	775	879	710	80.7	169
Wayne	93	759	852	638	74.8	214	93	565	658	545	82.8	113
District Totals	228	1,267	1,495	1,147	76.7	348	216	1,416	1,632	1,312	80.3	320
District 9												
Franklin	82	181	263	233	88.5	30	201	227	428	390	91.1	38
Granville	95	192	287	225	78.3	62	90	186	276	203	73.5	73
Person	59	226	285	207	72.6	78	146	203	349	230	65.9	119
Vance	213	323	536	384	71.6	152	179	285	464	308	66.3	156
Warren	94	42	136	123	90.4	13	50	88	138	121	87.6	17
District Totals	543	964	1,507	1,172	77.7	335	666	989	1,655	1,252	75.6	403

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	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
District 10	Pending 7/1/81	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/82	Pending 7/1/81	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/82
Wake	1,067	3,196	4,263	3,001	70.3	1,262	467	2,252	2,719	2,243	82.4	476
District 11												
Harnett	18	227	245	203	82.8	42	12	140	152	126	82.8	26
Johnston	24	326	350	313	89.4	37	26	207	233	194	83.2	39
Lee	61	293	354	209	59.0	145	26	135	161	119	73.9	42
District Totals	103	846	949	725	76.3	224	64	482	546	439	80.4	107
District 12												
Cumberland	506	1,265	1,771	1,371	77.4	400	122	645	767	689	89.8	78
Hoke	34	173	207	179	86.4	28	29	75	104	84	80.7	20
District Totals	540	1,438	1,978	1,550	78.3	428	151	720	871	773	88.7	98
District 13												
Bladen	28	139	167	87	52.0	80	41	121	162	110	67.9	52
Brunswick	79	234	313	154	49.2	159	38	185	223	173	77.5	50
Columbus	70	254	324	234	72.2	90	90	255	345	275	79.7	70
District Totals	177	627	804	475	59.0	329	169	561	730	558	76.4	172
District 14												
Durham	366	1,215	1,581	1,262	79.8	319	108	242	350	235	67.1	115
District 15A												
Alamance	144	757	901	668	74.1	233	116	564	680	483	71.0	197
District 15B												
Chatham	54	104	158	108	68.3	50	20	35	55	48	87.2	7
Orange	90	350	440	385	87.5	55	38	91	129	113	87.5	16
District Totals	144	454	598	493	82.4	105	58	126	184	161	87.5	23
District 16												
Robeson	172	893	1,065	823	77.2	242	75	349	424	352	83.0	72
Scotland	99	219	318	202	63.5	116	92	123	215	122	56.7	93
District Totals	271	1,112	1,383	1,025	74.1	358	167	472	639	474	74.1	165
District 17A												
Caswell	13	91	104	53	50.9	51	19	65	84	56	66.6	28
Rockingham	181	680	861	726	84.3	135	106	444	550	436	79.2	114
District Totals	194	771	965	779	80.7	186	125	509	634	492	77.6	142
District 17B												
Stokes	21	111	132	94	71.2	38	50	143	193	131	67.8	62
Surry	145	574	719	427	59.3	292	220	599	819	512	62.5	307
District Totals	166	685	851	521	61.2	330	270	742	1,012	643	63.5	369
District 18												
Guilford												
Greensboro	704	2,461	3,165	2,272	71.7	893	110	436	546	409	74.9	137
High Point	221	681	902	649	71.9	253	45	278	323	236	73.0	87
District Totals	975	3,142	4,067	2,921	71.8	1,146	155	714	869	645	74.2	224
District 19A												
Cabarrus	190	519	709	591	83.3	118	263	726	989	764	77.2	225
Rowan	204	540	744	609	81.8	135	166	588	754	630	83.5	124
District Totals	394	1,059	1,453	1,200	82.5	253	429	1,314	1,743	1,394	79.9	349
District 19B												
Montgomery	46	204	250	198	79.2	52	55	228	283	188	66.4	95
Randolph	253	731	984	773	78.5	211	165	562	727	572	78.6	155
District Totals	299	935	1,234	971	78.6	263	220	790	1,010	760	75.2	250

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	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
District 20	Pending 7/1/81	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/82	Pending 7/1/81	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/82
Anson	30	176	206	187	90.7	19	37	158	195	170	87.1	25
Moore	130	510	640	492	76.8	148	69	305	374	312	83.4	62
Richmond	50	601	651	497	76.3	154	45	392	437	351	80.3	86
Stanly	83	398	481	382	79.4	99	123	359	482	407	84.4	75
Union	80	595	675	554	82.0	121	59	572	631	450	71.3	181
District Totals	373	2,280	2,653	2,112	79.6	541	333	1,786	2,119	1,690	79.7	429
District 21												
Forsyth	372	1,687	2,059	1,790	86.9	269	439	1,836	2,275	1,902	83.6	373
District 22												
Alexander	2	126	128	73	57.0	55	17	137	154	134	87.0	20
Davidson	73	402	475	414	87.1	61	104	380	484	451	93.1	33
Davie	43	87	130	109	83.8	21	19	101	120	88	73.3	32
Iredell	101	541	642	411	64.0	231	99	456	555	465	83.7	90
District Totals	219	1,156	1,375	1,007	73.2	368	239	1,074	1,313	1,138	86.6	175
District 23												
Alleghany	5	61	66	57	86.3	9	11	40	51	40	78.4	11
Ashe	24	74	98	59	60.2	39	37	71	108	68	62.9	40
Wilkes	122	216	338	215	63.6	123	165	343	508	353	69.4	155
Yadkin	50	129	179	111	62.0	68	57	117	174	121	69.5	53
District Totals	201	480	681	442	64.9	239	270	571	841	582	69.2	259
District 24												
Avery	32	46	78	25	32.0	53	25	10	35	14	40.0	21
Madison	40	52	92	74	80.4	18	13	28	41	27	65.8	14
Mitchell	33	59	92	56	60.8	36	5	14	19	18	94.7	1
Watauga	67	176	243	125	51.4	118	14	27	41	26	63.4	15
Yancey	20	38	58	36	62.0	22	20	26	46	30	65.2	16
District Totals	192	371	563	316	56.1	247	77	105	182	115	63.1	67
District 25												
Burke	125	263	388	280	72.1	108	38	198	236	182	77.1	54
Caldwell	60	290	350	239	68.2	111	48	200	248	211	85.0	37
Catawba	373	706	1,079	899	83.3	180	157	460	617	514	83.3	103
District Totals	558	1,259	1,817	1,418	78.0	399	243	858	1,101	907	82.3	194
District 26												
Mecklenburg	843	2,796	3,639	2,634	72.3	1,005	223	767	990	784	79.1	206
District 27A												
Gaston	186	1,188	1,374	1,027	74.7	347	76	727	803	643	80.0	160
District 27B												
Cleveland	91	435	526	396	75.2	130	34	180	214	173	80.8	41
Lincoln	22	180	202	187	92.5	15	11	78	89	80	89.8	9
District Totals	113	615	728	583	80.0	145	45	258	303	253	83.4	50
District 28												
Buncombe	224	1,400	1,624	1,027	63.2	597	58	452	510	386	75.6	124
District 29												
Henderson	92	431	523	362	69.2	161	24	92	116	79	68.1	37
McDowell	59	198	257	200	77.8	57	19	66	85	68	80.0	17
Polk	23	151	174	126	72.4	48	22	22	44	28	63.6	16
Rutherford	105	486	591	361	61.0	230	62	240	302	230	76.1	72
Transylvania	80	81	161	65	40.3	96	19	39	58	24	41.3	34
District Totals	359	1,347	1,706	1,114	65.2	592	146	459	605	429	70.9	176

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	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
District 30	Pending 7/1/81	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/82	Pending 7/1/81	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/82
Cherokee	49	33	82	46	56.0	36	14	58	72	38	52.7	34
Clay	7	25	32	13	40.6	19	4	11	15	7	46.6	8
Graham	5	29	34	8	23.5	26	31	24	55	39	70.9	16
Haywood	186	343	529	382	72.2	147	79	232	311	236	75.8	75
Jackson	85	180	265	211	79.6	54	55	72	127	83	65.3	44
Macon	37	85	122	76	62.2	46	44	39	83	55	66.2	28
Swain	18	34	52	40	76.9	12	10	27	37	29	78.3	8
District Totals	387	729	1,116	776	69.5	340	237	463	700	48.	69.5	213
State Totals	11,490	42,802	54,292	40,715	74.9	13,577	6,943	26,805	33,748	26,468	78.4	7,280

METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF SUPERIOR COURT CRIMINAL CASES

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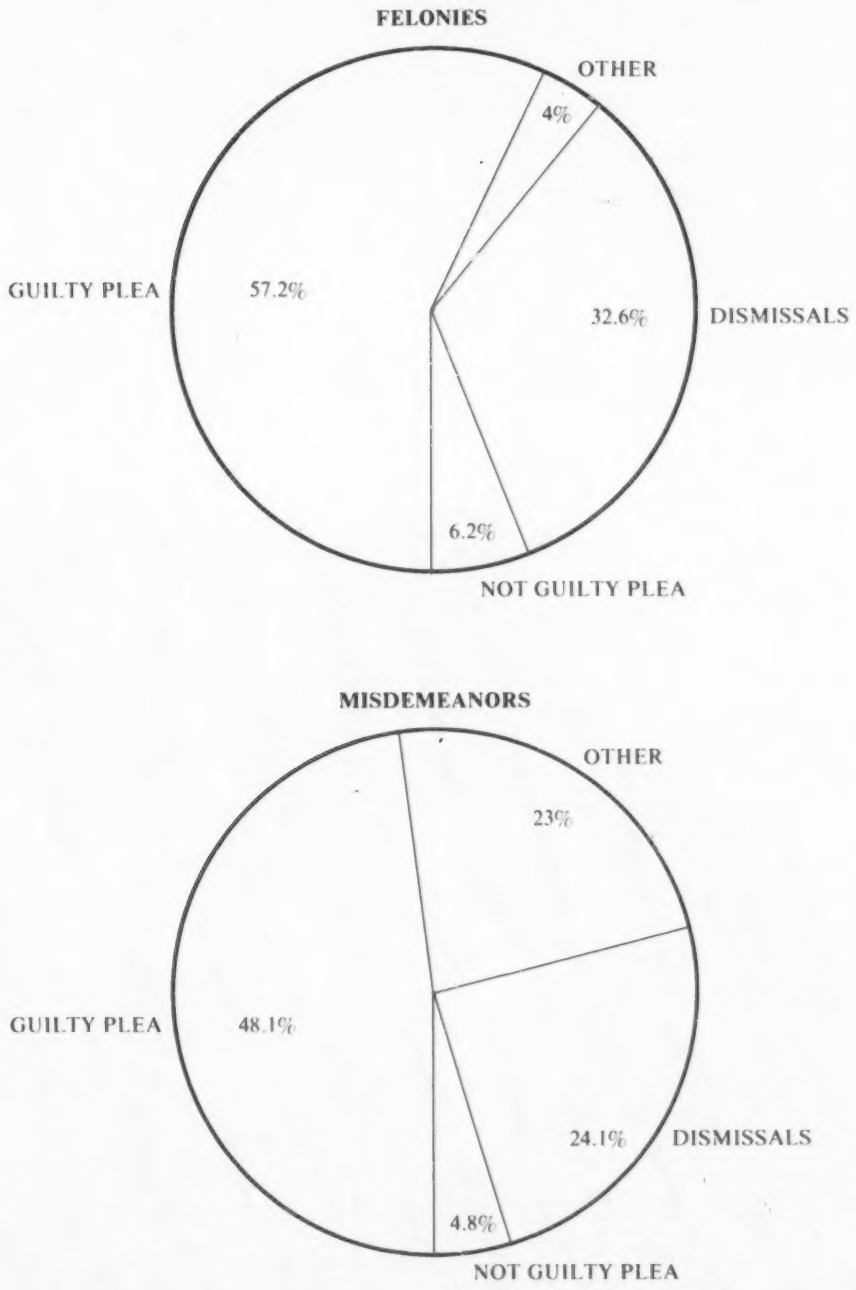

Guilty pleas constitute the largest disposition category for criminal superior court cases. The dismissal category, as graphed here, includes speedy trial dismissals and cases dismissed by the district attorney, both with and without leave.

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

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	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
District 1	Total Dispositions	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	Total Dispositions	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other
Camden	34	24	0	9	0	1	35	18	1	6	0	10
Chowan	86	46	13	26	0	1	222	73	9	23	0	117
Currituck	44	28	10	5	0	1	195	154	5	31	0	5
Dare	154	95	2	48	0	9	307	175	17	39	0	76
Gates	50	30	10	6	0	4	76	54	1	9	0	12
Pasquotank	216	137	23	50	0	6	551	174	18	73	0	286
Perquimans	113	43	18	43	0	9	120	49	7	19	0	45
District Totals	697	403	76	187	0	31	1,506	697	58	200	0	551
District 2												
Beaufort	290	199	52	29	0	10	160	124	21	11	3	1
Hyde	33	24	3	4	0	2	27	9	8	2	0	8
Martin	178	137	17	19	0	5	74	41	9	9	0	15
Tyrrell	35	8	0	4	0	23	51	20	7	6	0	18
Washington	94	66	6	5	0	17	81	35	11	19	0	16
District Totals	630	434	78	61	0	57	393	229	56	47	3	58
District 3												
Carteret	264	110	9	142	0	3	94	46	3	18	0	27
Craven	497	259	26	204	0	8	219	145	16	48	0	10
Pamlico	51	19	4	25	0	3	57	35	0	9	0	13
Pitt	630	414	31	159	0	26	366	179	26	86	0	75
District Totals	1,442	802	70	530	0	40	736	405	45	161	0	125
District 4												
Duplin	368	209	41	92	0	26	116	58	9	17	0	32
Jones	41	18	5	16	0	2	13	9	1	1	0	2
Onslow	1,242	497	86	608	1	50	171	40	27	50	0	54
Sampson	515	308	48	126	0	33	66	36	5	7	0	18
District Totals	2,166	1,032	180	842	1	111	366	143	42	75	0	106
District 5												
New Hanover	1,653	1,073	89	447	0	44	770	498	40	151	0	81
Pender	97	62	11	19	0	5	104	75	6	17	0	6
District Totals	1,750	1,135	100	466	0	49	874	573	46	168	0	87
District 6												
Bertie	126	66	5	49	0	6	80	27	2	32	0	19
Halifax	401	179	10	203	0	9	225	78	10	106	0	31
Hertford	100	54	10	28	0	8	94	49	2	31	0	12
Northampton	77	41	4	24	0	8	114	49	6	37	0	22
District Totals	704	340	29	304	0	31	513	203	20	206	0	84
District 7												
Edgecombe	184	100	16	65	0	3	244	113	16	42	0	73
Nash	543	269	27	227	0	20	284	161	6	91	0	26
Wilson	443	261	10	160	0	12	372	210	11	122	0	29
District Totals	1,170	630	53	452	0	35	900	484	33	255	0	128
District 8												
Greene	93	41	5	43	0	4	57	24	3	17	0	13
Lenoir	416	147	62	197	0	10	710	197	25	246	0	242
Wayne	638	312	74	232	0	20	545	300	27	154	0	64
District Totals	1,147	500	141	472	0	34	1,312	521	55	417	0	319

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	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Total Dispositions	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	Total Dispositions	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other
District 9												
Franklin	233	135	5	77	0	16	390	235	6	116	0	33
Granville	225	100	17	92	0	16	203	108	5	59	0	31
Person	207	113	10	71	9	4	230	138	11	63	0	18
Vance	384	186	16	171	0	11	308	176	7	93	0	32
Warren	123	79	7	35	0	2	121	68	1	37	0	15
District Totals	1,172	613	55	446	9	49	1,252	725	30	368	0	129
District 10												
Wake	3,001	1,421	117	1,404	2	57	2,243	718	60	645	0	820
District 11												
Harnett	203	138	14	44	0	7	126	84	9	22	0	11
Johnston	313	214	12	80	0	7	194	119	13	45	0	17
Lee	209	140	4	52	0	13	119	57	5	24	0	33
District Totals	725	492	30	176	0	27	439	260	27	91	0	61
District 12												
Cumberland	1,371	894	92	327	0	58	689	376	45	133	0	135
Hoke	179	119	8	21	0	31	84	41	3	34	0	6
District Totals	1,550	1,013	100	348	0	89	773	417	48	167	0	141
District 13												
Bladen	87	40	28	11	0	8	110	62	10	26	0	12
Brunswick	154	98	9	38	0	9	173	89	7	23	0	54
Columbus	234	137	18	65	0	14	275	101	26	86	0	62
District Totals	475	275	55	114	0	31	558	252	43	135	0	128
District 14												
Durham	1,262	705	79	450	1	27	235	70	18	96	0	51
District 15A												
Alamance	668	303	43	289	0	33	483	210	51	188	0	34
District 15B												
Chatham	108	73	9	15	0	11	48	22	4	11	0	11
Orange	385	169	33	167	0	16	113	37	13	27	0	36
District Totals	493	242	42	182	0	27	161	59	17	38	0	47
District 16												
Robeson	823	616	129	36	0	42	352	156	65	20	3	108
Scotland	202	159	17	22	0	4	122	94	7	18	0	3
District Totals	1,025	775	146	58	0	46	474	250	72	38	3	111
District 17A												
Caswell	53	46	3	3	0	1	56	31	6	6	0	13
Rockingham	726	524	27	164	0	11	436	258	15	76	0	87
District Totals	779	570	30	167	0	12	492	289	21	82	0	100
District 17B												
Stokes	94	70	13	8	0	3	131	66	18	14	0	33
Surry	427	334	12	68	0	13	512	239	6	51	0	216
District Totals	521	404	25	76	0	16	643	305	24	65	0	249
District 18 Guilford												
Greensboro	2,272	1,445	99	638	0	90	409	149	15	135	0	110
High Point	649	442	24	163	0	20	236	133	14	30	0	59
District Totals	2,921	1,887	123	801	0	110	645	282	29	165	0	169

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	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
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District 19A												
Cabarrus	591	390	31	151	0	19	764	340	22	208	0	194
Rowan	609	376	27	195	0	11	630	313	17	199	0	101
District Totals	1,200	766	58	346	0	30	1,394	653	39	407	0	295
District 19B												
Montgomery	198	141	16	35	0	6	188	87	13	33	0	55
Randolph	773	346	24	320	1	82	572	316	8	139	0	109
District Totals	971	487	40	355	1	88	760	403	21	172	0	164
District 20												
Anson	187	102	11	69	0	5	170	77	4	49	0	40
Moore	492	278	7	188	0	19	312	161	4	77	0	70
Richmond	497	245	15	232	0	5	351	143	5	111	0	92
Stanly	382	238	13	126	0	5	407	225	10	121	0	51
Union	554	249	18	281	0	6	450	198	11	166	0	75
District Totals	2,112	1,112	64	896	0	40	1,690	804	34	524	0	328
District 21												
Forsyth	1,790	1,359	95	296	0	40	1,902	1,254	39	316	0	293
District 22												
Alexander	73	58	2	9	0	4	134	53	3	29	0	49
Davidson	414	276	23	70	0	45	451	158	10	92	0	191
Davie	109	72	8	13	0	16	88	39	6	15	0	28
Iredell	411	261	17	92	0	41	465	179	2	118	0	166
District Totals	1,007	667	50	184	0	106	1,138	429	21	254	0	434
District 23												
Alleghany	57	46	5	5	0	1	40	22	4	14	0	0
Ashe	59	43	3	3	0	10	68	25	4	4	0	35
Wilkes	215	85	21	75	0	34	353	106	16	99	0	132
Yadkin	111	64	12	26	0	9	121	63	4	20	0	34
District Totals	442	238	41	109	0	54	582	216	28	137	0	201
District 24												
Avery	25	15	2	8	0	0	14	7	1	0	0	6
Madison	74	13	3	54	0	4	27	9	0	13	0	5
Mitchell	56	31	3	21	0	1	18	10	1	5	0	2
Watauga	125	46	11	64	0	4	26	5	5	10	0	6
Yancey	36	21	5	9	0	1	30	14	3	7	0	6
District Totals	316	126	24	156	0	10	115	45	10	35	0	25
District 25												
Burke	280	111	30	132	0	7	182	72	13	57	0	40
Caldwell	239	91	14	127	0	7	211	114	11	55	0	31
Catawba	899	390	59	432	0	18	514	180	21	140	1	172
District Totals	1,418	592	103	691	0	32	907	366	45	252	1	243
District 26												
Mecklenburg	2,634	1,373	174	996	30	61	784	360	71	217	8	128
District 27A												
Gaston	1,027	530	76	375	3	43	643	341	76	114	0	112
District 27B												
Cleveland	396	247	31	102	0	16	173	70	14	40	0	49
Lincoln	187	84	33	63	0	7	80	24	7	27	0	22
District Totals	583	331	64	165	0	23	253	94	21	67	0	71

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District 28												
Buncombe	1,027	708	39	162	0	118	386	207	25	42	0	112
District 29												
Henderson	362	240	18	87	1	16	79	32	3	14	0	30
McDowell	200	122	14	47	0	17	68	35	5	12	0	16
Polk	126	73	2	51	0	0	28	12	2	10	0	4
Rutherford	361	193	38	119	0	11	230	113	15	33	0	69
Transylvania	65	35	9	18	0	3	24	10	4	6	0	4
District Totals	1,114	663	81	322	1	47	429	202	29	75	0	123
District 30												
Cherokee	46	16	7	16	0	7	38	23	2	9	0	4
Clay	13	8	3	2	0	0	7	2	0	4	0	1
Graham	8	6	0	2	0	0	39	12	4	15	0	8
Haywood	382	177	14	190	0	1	236	128	11	94	0	3
Jackson	211	110	4	84	0	13	83	63	0	19	0	1
Macon	76	40	1	17	0	18	55	27	9	10	0	9
Swain	40	24	3	9	0	4	29	13	0	4	0	12
District Totals	776	381	32	320	0	43	487	268	26	155	0	38
State Totals	40,715	23,309	2,513	13,198	48	1,647	26,468	12,734	1,280	6,374	15	6,065

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District 1																	
Camden	FEL	8	142.3	91.0	3	2	1	1	1	34	68.0	45.0	26	1	2	5	0
	MIS	19	30.2	43.0	17	2	0	0	0	35	82.1	82.0	14	13	6	2	0
Chowan	FEL	25	73.2	86.0	11	12	2	0	0	86	83.7	60.5	43	23	15	5	0
	MIS	47	109.4	71.0	21	9	6	9	2	222	96.8	72.5	102	44	33	40	3
Currituck	FEL	22	119.6	70.0	8	8	0	4	2	44	84.6	72.5	18	14	10	2	0
	MIS	33	50.7	41.0	24	4	1	4	0	195	71.7	54.0	105	54	19	16	1
Dare	FEL	28	158.3	72.0	10	9	3	2	4	154	126.0	85.0	42	42	23	45	2
	MIS	104	57.2	50.0	60	37	3	4	0	307	105.2	94.0	75	135	70	25	2
Gates	FEL	17	128.7	128.0	8	0	5	2	2	50	83.7	50.0	27	12	7	3	1
	MIS	12	77.7	61.0	5	4	2	1	0	76	95.7	63.5	31	23	13	9	0
Pasquotank	FEL	60	201.6	107.0	12	28	6	5	9	216	102.7	69.0	92	93	11	12	8
	MIS	97	82.0	65.0	45	24	19	9	0	551	65.0	49.0	307	125	88	31	0
Perquimans	FEL	9	144.9	126.0	3	0	4	1	1	113	120.3	105.0	17	46	21	29	0
	MIS	16	133.0	84.0	7	2	1	5	1	120	108.5	89.0	40	32	20	25	3
District Totals	FEL	169	151.6	92.0	55	59	21	15	19	697	104.2	74.0	265	231	89	101	11
	MIS	328	74.2	54.0	179	82	32	32	3	1,506	84.2	68.0	674	426	249	148	9
District 2																	
Beaufort	FEL	86	92.9	58.0	53	12	9	9	3	290	94.5	84.0	88	119	63	20	0
	MIS	83	123.4	92.0	30	22	11	15	5	160	118.6	113.0	33	54	47	26	0
Hyde	FEL	7	72.4	12.0	6	0	0	0	1	33	65.5	22.0	19	8	3	3	0
	MIS	32	182.8	170.0	10	4	5	8	5	27	143.7	147.0	4	7	6	10	0
Martin	FEL	59	123.6	121.0	20	9	19	8	3	178	92.0	72.0	80	68	16	12	2
	MIS	63	155.3	126.0	18	10	17	14	4	74	127.8	77.5	31	23	5	7	8
Tyrrell	FEL	22	77.5	83.0	3	19	0	0	0	35	126.1	100.0	10	14	7	3	1
	MIS	23	68.0	58.0	18	3	2	0	0	51	114.1	84.0	18	14	8	10	1
Washington	FEL	54	91.1	58.0	28	17	2	7	0	94	105.9	96.0	26	45	14	8	1
	MIS	20	100.7	97.0	8	4	3	5	0	81	104.0	54.0	48	16	6	6	5
District Totals	FEL	228	98.3	69.0	110	57	30	24	7	630	95.7	79.0	223	254	103	46	4
	MIS	221	133.3	97.0	84	43	38	42	14	393	118.5	91.0	134	114	72	59	14
District 3																	
Carteret	FEL	87	101.6	70.0	38	25	13	9	2	264	84.0	70.0	127	94	19	22	2
	MIS	22	86.7	37.0	13	6	0	2	1	94	66.5	48.0	65	18	5	3	3
Craven	FEL	204	88.8	99.0	56	104	36	7	1	497	85.3	69.0	202	222	27	31	15
	MIS	62	67.9	49.0	43	14	0	4	1	219	63.9	51.0	133	67	15	3	1
Pamlico	FEL	34	43.9	20.0	31	0	0	3	0	51	132.4	108.0	15	13	12	11	0
	MIS	6	66.2	50.5	3	2	1	0	0	57	69.4	61.0	21	31	5	0	0
Pitt	FEL	212	179.2	94.5	61	53	38	21	39	630	81.7	63.0	299	243	55	26	7
	MIS	135	130.4	99.0	52	25	25	24	9	366	81.7	63.0	169	157	17	12	11
District Totals	FEL	537	123.7	99.0	186	182	87	40	42	1,442	85.2	65.0	643	572	113	90	24
	MIS	225	107.2	65.0	111	47	26	30	11	736	73.5	57.0	388	273	42	18	15

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District 4																	
Duplin	FEL	62	82.8	54.0	37	10	11	4	0	368	58.7	46.5	253	66	39	7	3
	MIS	1	113.0	113.0	0	1	0	0	0	116	102.3	55.5	61	29	5	13	8
Jones	FEL	3	66.0	47.0	2	1	0	0	0	41	47.5	47.0	32	8	0	0	1
	MIS	3	82.0	54.0	2	0	1	0	0	13	114.2	54.0	6	2	1	4	0
Onslow	FEL	294	94.3	68.0	122	110	43	10	9	1,242	70.0	49.0	742	320	123	50	7
	MIS	31	73.1	65.0	13	16	0	2	0	171	54.7	49.0	110	50	10	1	0
Sampson	FEL	125	73.4	83.0	24	87	14	0	0	515	45.3	27.0	362	102	51	0	0
	MIS	7	73.3	36.0	4	1	1	1	0	66	56.4	31.5	45	12	4	5	0
District Totals	FEL	484	87.3	68.0	185	208	68	14	9	2,166	61.8	46.0	1,389	496	213	57	11
	MIS	42	74.7	65.0	19	18	2	3	0	366	72.2	50.0	222	93	20	23	8
District 5																	
New Hanover	FEL	364	138.6	50.0	194	39	60	48	23	1,653	70.3	46.0	1,022	354	162	96	19
	MIS	203	56.3	28.0	150	32	9	11	1	770	58.8	44.0	572	126	37	27	8
Pender	FEL	65	194.9	41.0	43	4	10	4	4	97	81.7	63.0	44	36	13	2	2
	MIS	34	233.5	150.0	9	4	5	4	12	104	62.8	56.0	60	34	6	4	0
District Totals	FEL	429	147.1	49.0	237	43	70	52	27	1,750	70.9	48.0	1,066	390	175	98	21
	MIS	237	81.7	28.0	159	36	14	15	13	874	59.3	46.5	632	160	43	31	8
District 6																	
Bertie	FEL	57	100.5	47.0	46	2	2	0	7	126	214.5	112.0	38	28	15	15	30
	MIS	35	101.2	86.0	11	11	11	2	0	80	287.6	116.0	21	21	2	11	25
Halifax	FEL	111	107.5	84.0	47	38	9	14	3	401	84.7	47.0	227	87	55	20	12
	MIS	88	181.8	142.0	19	17	19	20	13	225	92.4	64.0	108	56	38	20	3
Hertford	FEL	42	101.1	14.0	25	9	1	1	6	100	91.9	76.0	28	51	11	10	0
	MIS	44	126.5	78.0	12	18	5	6	3	94	97.9	68.5	40	32	10	8	4
Northampton	FEL	19	149.9	69.0	8	5	1	4	1	77	80.6	53.0	40	24	2	11	0
	MIS	20	125.5	90.0	6	7	3	2	2	114	84.9	69.5	45	46	13	10	0
District Totals	FEL	229	108.1	58.0	126	54	13	19	17	704	108.5	66.0	333	190	83	56	42
	MIS	187	147.7	100.0	48	53	38	30	18	513	122.2	74.0	214	155	63	49	32
District 7																	
Edgecombe	FEL	42	114.5	41.0	24	7	2	6	3	184	76.4	54.0	103	43	28	10	0
	MIS	41	100.3	62.0	19	11	5	5	1	244	56.4	36.0	173	48	7	16	0
Nash	FEL	121	96.0	98.0	45	32	37	5	2	543	84.3	68.0	234	183	64	56	6
	MIS	67	192.0	78.0	28	16	1	17	5	284	87.3	74.0	112	112	32	27	1
Wilson	FEL	130	262.1	159.0	30	13	45	6	36	443	95.1	65.0	197	147	51	28	20
	MIS	96	150.0	54.0	59	13	6	4	14	372	76.6	55.5	191	89	64	24	4
District Totals	FEL	293	172.3	98.0	99	52	84	17	41	1,170	87.1	64.0	534	373	143	94	26
	MIS	204	153.8	57.0	106	40	12	26	20	900	74.5	55.0	476	249	103	67	5

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District 8																	
Greene	FEL	46	196.5	152.0	3	11	14	13	5	93	82.1	27.0	50	10	22	10	1
	MIS	38	101.6	82.0	18	8	6	6	0	57	127.2	73.0	19	22	2	10	4
Lenoir	FEL	88	81.8	86.0	38	27	16	7	0	416	70.0	49.0	235	123	36	16	6
	MIS	169	70.4	70.0	81	65	19	4	0	710	66.9	61.0	353	271	61	25	0
Wayne	FEL	214	61.9	36.0	135	40	30	9	0	638	76.3	62.0	311	210	68	49	0
	MIS	113	74.5	64.0	52	41	11	9	0	545	75.0	56.0	294	156	60	33	2
District Totals	FEL	348	84.7	58.0	176	78	60	29	5	1,147	74.5	57.0	596	343	126	75	7
	MIS	320	75.6	64.0	151	114	36	19	0	1,312	72.9	58.5	666	449	123	68	6
District 9																	
Franklin	FEL	30	89.4	37.0	16	6	0	8	0	233	134.7	78.0	95	53	22	43	20
	MIS	38	207.2	100.0	14	7	4	5	8	390	188.4	134.0	71	106	68	92	53
Granville	FEL	62	434.5	232.0	13	9	5	14	21	225	133.9	109.0	36	99	51	32	7
	MIS	73	129.0	71.0	35	17	6	10	5	203	202.2	146.0	41	41	41	46	34
Person	FEL	78	124.8	104.0	26	33	4	10	5	207	132.2	77.0	70	66	23	33	15
	MIS	119	177.3	118.0	32	30	15	29	13	230	233.5	169.0	26	56	49	53	46
Vance	FEL	152	173.6	99.0	33	80	11	10	18	384	155.2	86.0	132	107	41	52	52
	MIS	156	201.1	139.0	30	41	29	34	22	308	193.7	144.5	54	62	59	94	39
Warren	FEL	13	130.9	49.0	10	0	1	0	2	123	234.7	101.0	4	62	31	10	16
	MIS	17	265.8	140.0	4	1	6	1	5	121	149.7	98.0	25	51	17	20	8
District Totals	FEL	335	201.3	100.0	98	128	21	42	46	1,172	151.3	90.0	337	387	168	170	110
	MIS	403	184.3	114.0	115	95	60	79	53	1,252	196.5	141.0	217	316	234	305	180
District 10																	
Wake	FEL	1,262	181.0	98.0	404	359	152	163	184	3,001	136.4	98.0	809	1,023	502	441	226
	MIS	476	93.2	58.0	241	120	52	54	9	2,243	66.4	44.0	1,306	620	193	101	23
District 11																	
Harnett	FEL	42	51.3	9.0	34	0	7	1	0	203	57.6	44.0	138	34	19	11	1
	MIS	26	184.7	122.0	9	4	5	7	1	126	94.6	68.0	53	52	6	14	1
Johnston	FEL	37	118.0	51.0	22	2	4	6	3	313	66.9	56.0	184	105	16	6	2
	MIS	39	141.1	86.0	19	4	2	11	3	194	58.4	42.5	127	55	9	2	1
Lee	FEL	145	108.8	68.0	35	63	28	17	2	209	102.3	86.0	69	67	39	32	2
	MIS	42	208.0	75.	17	6	4	7	8	119	83.0	72.0	53	47	8	10	1
District Totals	FEL	224	99.5	68.0	91	65	39	24	5	725	74.5	58.0	391	206	74	49	5
	MIS	107	178.0	89.0	45	14	11	25	12	439	75.5	57.0	233	154	23	26	3
District 12																	
Cumberland	FEL	400	104.0	72.0	144	170	28	35	23	1,371	103.9	73.0	570	348	232	183	38
	MIS	78	65.0	47.0	45	21	10	1	1	689	72.6	60.0	348	255	32	53	1
Hoke	FEL	28	195.3	128.0	10	2	7	0	9	179	69.8	38.0	118	36	16	3	6
	MIS	20	79.7	64.5	10	6	1	3	0	84	114.2	102.0	25	27	9	23	0
District Totals	FEL	428	110.0	72.0	154	172	35	35	32	1,550	100.0	67.5	688	384	248	186	44
	MIS	98	68.0	47.0	55	27	11	4	1	773	77.1	63.0	373	282	41	76	1

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District 13																	
Bladen	FEL	80	119.0	111.0	12	44	16	7	1	87	136.9	110.0	12	33	27	14	1
	MIS	52	220.6	104.0	11	23	7	3	8	110	141.3	126.0	20	33	16	38	3
Brunswick	FEL	159	269.8	268.0	16	19	22	75	27	154	130.8	90.5	65	30	22	34	3
	MIS	50	149.5	98.0	11	21	5	7	6	173	95.3	63.0	83	37	19	33	1
Columbus	FEL	90	136.4	113.0	33	20	26	3	8	234	119.3	90.0	53	112	28	34	7
	MIS	70	116.8	73.0	31	15	16	5	3	275	118.0	92.0	69	116	43	35	12
District Totals	FEL	329	196.6	135.0	61	83	64	85	36	475	126.3	93.0	130	175	77	82	11
	MIS	172	157.7	98.0	53	59	28	15	17	558	115.6	91.0	172	186	78	106	16
District 14																	
Durham	FEL	319	115.8	79.0	122	90	62	29	16	1,262	102.5	72.0	536	345	204	141	36
	MIS	115	112.4	44.0	68	14	7	13	13	235	140.5	95.0	75	70	34	38	18
District 15A																	
Alamance	FEL	233	119.1	69.0	101	82	18	19	13	668	107.6	83.5	235	180	145	102	6
	MIS	197	87.8	72.0	81	62	44	6	4	483	94.2	86.0	151	214	93	23	2
District 15B																	
Chatham	FEL	50	111.4	77.0	20	25	1	2	2	108	53.8	13.5	67	24	10	7	0
	MIS	7	30.0	27.0	6	1	0	0	0	48	87.3	70.0	20	19	7	1	1
Orange	FEL	55	69.1	49.0	29	15	10	1	0	385	86.5	64.0	167	139	47	26	6
	MIS	16	58.9	36.0	12	0	4	0	0	113	64.7	59.0	58	43	11	1	0
District Totals	FEL	105	89.2	69.0	49	40	11	3	2	493	79.3	63.0	234	163	57	33	6
	MIS	23	50.1	36.0	18	1	4	0	0	161	71.4	61.0	78	62	18	2	1
District 16																	
Robeson	FEL	242	61.9	33.0	149	58	23	12	0	823	76.5	55.0	492	244	56	23	8
	MIS	72	94.0	81.5	34	18	8	11	1	352	86.6	49.0	199	81	40	24	8
Scotland	FEL	116	311.5	162.0	26	22	19	20	29	202	216.2	117.5	63	42	19	54	24
	MIS	93	442.6	426.0	14	11	7	13	48	122	188.6	151.0	18	24	27	39	14
District Totals	FEL	358	142.8	71.0	175	80	42	32	29	1,025	104.0	58.0	555	286	75	77	32
	MIS	165	290.5	148.0	48	29	15	24	49	474	112.9	66.0	217	105	67	63	22
District 17A																	
Caswell	FEL	51	166.8	100.0	9	24	1	12	5	53	102.5	71.0	19	23	4	5	2
	MIS	28	379.7	317.0	5	5	2	2	14	56	92.5	84.0	26	17	9	2	2
Rockingham	FEL	135	84.5	55.0	72	40	17	5	1	726	106.5	69.0	333	183	73	108	29
	MIS	114	53.0	37.0	83	22	7	1	1	436	73.5	51.0	250	119	40	21	6
District Totals	FEL	186	107.1	69.5	81	64	18	17	6	779	106.2	69.0	352	206	77	113	31
	MIS	142	117.4	37.0	88	27	9	3	15	492	75.7	53.0	276	136	49	23	8

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		Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365
District 17B																	
Stokes	FEL	38	159.9	100.0	14	7	6	8	3	94	118.9	90.0	13	47	21	8	5
	MIS	62	163.6	106.0	8	25	6	20	3	131	124.2	99.0	36	41	23	28	3
Surry	FEL	292	148.1	104.0	74	91	72	29	26	427	110.3	68.0	160	149	31	70	17
	MIS	307	267.4	147.0	54	56	70	34	93	512	92.7	78.0	206	146	86	69	5
District Totals	FEL	330	149.5	104.0	88	98	78	37	29	521	111.9	76.0	173	196	52	78	22
	MIS	369	250.0	140.0	62	81	76	54	96	643	99.1	85.0	242	187	109	97	8
District 18 Guilford																	
Greensboro	FEL	893	168.8	106.0	351	152	144	124	122	2,272	107.9	92.0	805	742	385	276	64
	MIS	137	206.5	121.0	51	17	17	27	25	409	83.3	64.0	196	146	35	25	7
High Point	FEL	253	150.1	85.0	84	62	42	28	37	649	111.8	97.0	219	192	129	92	17
	MIS	87	100.7	54.0	46	24	7	5	5	236	92.5	77.0	87	95	26	26	2
District Totals	FEL	1,146	164.7	98.0	435	214	186	152	159	2,921	108.8	92.0	1,024	934	514	368	81
	MIS	224	165.4	88.5	97	41	24	32	30	645	86.7	69.0	283	241	61	51	9
District 19A																	
Cabarrus	FEL	118	239.2	149.0	32	20	11	44	11	591	103.8	65.0	278	173	49	67	24
	MIS	225	110.4	56.0	121	53	23	14	14	764	114.6	76.0	251	290	125	65	33
Rowan	FEL	135	205.0	72.0	56	33	9	12	25	609	116.9	63.0	276	188	54	69	22
	MIS	124	180.6	43.0	79	10	9	13	13	630	97.9	65.5	271	215	63	55	26
District Totals	FEL	253	221.0	84.0	88	53	20	56	36	1,200	110.4	63.5	554	361	103	136	46
	MIS	349	135.3	49.0	200	63	32	27	27	1,394	107.1	71.0	522	505	188	120	59
District 19B																	
Montgomery	FEL	52	182.7	54.0	33	3	4	1	11	198	99.2	44.0	114	24	31	13	16
	MIS	95	146.4	57.0	61	0	15	8	11	188	91.1	62.0	93	51	24	13	7
Randolph	FEL	211	283.0	132.0	63	37	21	29	61	773	126.8	113.0	120	327	165	144	17
	MIS	155	114.4	75.0	67	35	26	16	11	572	113.4	76.0	220	189	76	54	33
District Totals	FEL	263	263.2	107.0	96	40	25	30	72	971	121.2	108.0	234	351	196	157	33
	MIS	250	126.6	57.0	128	35	41	24	22	760	107.9	73.0	313	240	100	67	40
District 20																	
Anson	FEL	19	59.8	69.0	9	8	1	1	0	187	51.5	33.0	133	39	13	1	1
	MIS	25	43.3	35.0	18	5	2	0	0	170	67.1	55.0	89	62	14	5	0
Moore	FEL	148	122.9	35.0	88	42	8	3	7	492	66.7	58.0	255	189	36	11	1
	MIS	62	60.5	38.5	39	15	3	5	0	312	62.8	48.0	192	96	12	10	2
Richmond	FEL	154	131.7	93.0	60	20	15	55	4	497	69.0	62.0	244	202	28	23	0
	MIS	86	132.0	104.0	41	17	7	16	5	351	65.8	53.0	189	120	30	8	4
Stanly	FEL	99	176.8	134.0	26	20	16	34	3	382	109.4	76.0	155	102	60	47	18
	MIS	75	117.6	51.0	47	7	8	6	7	407	136.5	101.0	101	147	86	43	30
Union	FEL	121	136.7	75.0	55	30	18	8	10	554	76.1	42.0	438	78	14	8	16
	MIS	181	96.3	75.0	83	61	12	17	8	450	49.8	35.5	326	102	17	2	3
District Totals	FEL	541	136.1	72.0	238	120	58	101	24	2,112	76.1	55.0	1,225	610	151	90	36
	MIS	429	98.9	54.0	228	105	32	44	20	1,690	78.1	55.0	897	527	159	68	39

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District 21																	
Forsyth	FEL	269	75.0	47.0	151	56	31	30	1	1,790	72.0	56.0	993	579	132	67	19
	MIS	373	75.5	44.0	230	61	30	52	0	1,902	54.7	39.0	1,444	333	60	52	13
District 22																	
Alexander	FEL	55	36.7	21.0	45	9	1	0	0	73	94.6	69.0	27	25	18	2	1
	MIS	20	83.6	77.0	8	8	2	2	0	134	74.6	52.5	73	46	9	5	1
Davidson	FEL	61	192.7	131.0	21	9	10	8	13	414	85.3	40.0	237	84	44	42	7
	MIS	33	42.3	47.0	24	8	1	0	0	451	61.7	27.0	302	63	56	28	2
Davie	FEL	21	107.9	83.0	5	11	1	4	0	109	98.5	71.0	33	46	13	15	2
	MIS	32	60.8	50.0	21	9	2	0	0	88	84.8	54.0	54	18	10	5	1
Iredell	FEL	231	115.6	92.0	80	65	21	62	3	411	105.0	84.0	161	128	69	42	11
	MIS	90	75.7	48.5	53	17	11	9	0	465	80.6	51.0	266	89	54	53	3
District Totals	FEL	368	116.1	85.0	151	94	33	74	16	1,007	95.4	68.0	458	283	144	101	21
	MIS	175	67.6	47.0	106	42	16	11	0	1,138	72.7	46.5	695	216	129	91	7
District 23																	
Alleghany	FEL	9	159.6	43.0	5	0	0	3	1	57	87.0	0.0	32	15	2	5	3
	MIS	11	193.8	232.0	0	4	1	6	0	40	190.1	141.0	1	14	12	8	5
Ashe	FEL	39	333.9	280.0	6	1	4	17	11	59	132.8	123.0	10	15	23	7	4
	MIS	40	157.1	119.0	17	4	5	9	5	68	127.9	69.5	29	18	3	11	7
Wilkes	FEL	123	162.6	105.0	6	83	19	4	11	215	218.8	146.0	27	64	34	45	45
	MIS	155	132.5	56.0	83	28	22	8	14	353	209.4	149.0	42	101	63	88	59
Yadkin	FEL	68	216.5	77.0	23	19	2	9	15	111	119.3	82.0	35	30	16	29	1
	MIS	53	144.8	28.0	40	3	0	2	8	121	101.8	89.0	47	32	17	25	0
District Totals	FEL	239	205.8	112.0	40	103	25	33	38	442	165.3	118.0	104	124	75	86	53
	MIS	259	141.4	55.0	140	39	28	25	27	582	176.2	124.0	119	165	95	132	71
District 24																	
Avery	FEL	53	321.0	61.0	1	29	0	4	19	25	101.0	67.0	5	11	2	7	0
	MIS	21	498.0	433.0	0	0	3	4	14	14	160.9	163.0	1	5	2	6	0
Madison	FEL	18	51.3	50.0	9	7	2	0	0	74	561.6	260.0	3	13	4	32	22
	MIS	14	187.7	150.5	3	2	5	2	2	27	175.9	105.0	9	5	5	5	3
Mitchell	FEL	36	241.1	89.0	10	10	1	0	15	56	144.9	108.0	5	29	4	17	1
	MIS	1	719.0	718.0	0	0	0	0	1	18	124.4	83.5	5	7	2	4	0
Watauga	FEL	118	234.0	114.0	10	53	3	37	15	125	122.4	94.0	56	13	26	22	8
	MIS	15	225.1	54.0	9	0	0	3	3	26	151.3	123.0	4	8	9	4	1
Yancey	FEL	22	205.2	135.0	7	3	3	5	4	36	202.7	161.5	8	4	7	8	9
	MIS	16	208.7	170.5	4	3	2	5	2	30	165.4	158.5	5	5	7	13	0
District Totals	FEL	247	237.8	114.0	37	102	9	46	53	316	236.7	128.0	77	70	43	86	40
	MIS	67	306.3	217.0	16	5	10	14	22	115	157.7	124.0	24	30	25	32	4

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District 25																	
Burke	FEL	108	89.7	58.0	62	10	30	3	3	280	138.6	127.0	53	78	86	57	6
	MIS	54	87.7	77.0	21	23	4	6	0	182	105.8	90.0	43	94	29	14	2
Caldwell	FEL	111	79.4	69.0	55	47	5	2	2	239	152.2	69.0	100	60	32	11	36
	MIS	37	84.2	41.0	22	11	0	2	2	211	83.7	49.0	135	45	9	12	10
Catawba	FEL	180	132.4	71.0	89	55	12	13	11	899	134.6	98.0	148	483	141	78	49
	MIS	103	98.2	40.0	82	4	7	3	7	514	146.0	89.0	133	208	80	54	39
District Totals	FEL	399	106.1	58.0	206	112	47	18	16	1,418	138.4	101.0	301	621	259	146	91
	MIS	194	92.6	41.0	125	38	11	11	9	907	123.4	82.0	311	347	118	80	51
District 26																	
Mecklenburg	FEL	1,005	139.9	78.0	429	264	100	121	91	2,634	134.7	107.0	645	831	589	489	80
	MIS	206	221.2	57.5	105	25	10	27	39	784	104.1	69.5	382	194	111	76	21
District 27A																	
Gaston	FEL	347	103.9	56.0	181	114	16	11	25	1,027	81.5	64.0	471	413	77	41	25
	MIS	160	135.7	70.0	78	32	10	24	16	643	48.0	35.0	484	111	33	14	1
District 27B																	
Cleveland	FEL	130	109.8	78.0	57	27	35	2	9	396	63.7	55.0	217	156	11	8	4
	MIS	41	107.4	65.0	18	17	0	1	5	173	54.9	40.0	121	42	6	3	1
Lincoln	FEL	15	47.1	2.0	12	1	0	2	0	187	75.6	56.0	99	62	18	8	0
	MIS	9	28.6	22.0	8	1	0	0	0	80	63.2	39.0	53	16	5	6	0
District Totals	FEL	145	103.3	78.0	69	28	35	4	9	583	67.5	55.0	316	218	29	16	4
	MIS	50	93.2	58.0	26	18	0	1	5	253	57.5	40.0	174	58	11	9	1
District 28																	
Buncombe	FEL	597	87.5	77.0	203	324	28	34	8	1,027	91.4	73.0	404	429	100	66	28
	MIS	124	77.1	72.0	54	55	4	10	1	386	63.4	46.0	263	85	21	10	7
District 29																	
Henderson	FEL	161	162.5	132.0	48	30	54	8	21	362	105.7	84.0	120	164	25	42	11
	MIS	37	184.4	98.0	9	17	2	5	4	79	103.6	65.0	37	19	10	11	2
McDowell	FEL	57	168.4	149.0	20	2	19	9	7	200	120.0	82.0	57	76	31	30	6
	MIS	17	152.4	132.0	4	4	2	6	1	68	126.5	93.0	15	33	8	9	3
Polk	FEL	48	287.8	266.0	8	8	0	27	5	126	167.0	166.0	2	10	104	8	2
	MIS	16	256.3	140.0	4	1	5	3	3	28	143.6	122.0	4	10	7	6	1
Rutherford	FEL	230	138.0	119.0	25	129	23	47	6	361	124.9	93.0	77	145	82	41	16
	MIS	72	163.1	94.0	19	22	11	15	5	230	122.2	104.0	61	74	46	44	5
Transylvania	FEL	96	424.7	456.0	15	6	2	20	53	65	180.4	97.0	27	9	7	8	14
	MIS	34	523.8	211.0	12	2	2	2	16	24	110.0	54.5	13	2	6	2	1
District Totals	FEL	592	206.2	124.0	116	175	98	111	92	1,114	125.8	86.5	283	404	249	129	49
	MIS	176	244.7	110.5	48	46	22	31	29	429	120.2	96.0	130	138	77	72	12

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District 30		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365
Cherokee	FEL	36	285.1	449.0	13	0	0	2	21	46	170.8	111.0	2	24	0	17	3
	MIS	34	176.7	105.5	17	0	1	12	4	38	183.6	149.0	5	12	3	14	4
Clay	FEL	19	182.7	156.0	5	4	6	1	3	13	262.2	215.0	0	3	2	5	3
	MIS	8	294.5	245.5	0	0	4	1	3	7	95.9	67.0	2	4	0	0	1
Graham	FEL	26	123.2	116.0	6	14	0	5	1	8	145.0	119.5	2	2	3	0	1
	MIS	16	373.3	308.0	0	1	1	7	7	39	257.1	208.0	7	3	4	14	11
Haywood	FEL	147	469.9	393.0	33	17	3	7	87	382	164.5	91.0	113	156	36	46	31
	MIS	75	191.8	128.0	24	13	14	19	5	236	181.9	110.0	51	82	32	38	33
Jackson	FEL	54	282.6	126.0	17	7	10	1	19	211	189.7	119.0	43	69	16	39	44
	MIS	44	418.3	501.0	4	7	4	5	24	83	209.4	86.0	18	29	6	11	19
Macon	FEL	46	516.0	442.0	1	3	8	6	28	76	123.9	107.5	31	16	21	3	5
	MIS	28	471.4	442.0	4	3	3	3	15	55	175.9	108.0	11	19	6	14	5
Swain	FEL	12	244.6	167.5	2	3	2	1	4	40	136.2	62.5	20	6	5	1	8
	MIS	8	116.4	133.0	2	1	4	1	0	29	93.9	52.0	20	3	2	2	2
District Totals	FEL	340	376.3	280.0	77	48	29	23	163	776	167.7	99.0	211	276	83	111	95
	MIS	213	287.6	174.0	51	25	31	48	58	487	185.6	110.0	114	152	53	93	75
State Totals	FEL	13,577	150.5	83.0	5,115	3,841	1,713	1,540	1,368	40,715	104.6	73.0	16,789	12,904	5,468	4,178	1,376
	MIS	7,280	137.7	69.0	3,363	1,593	816	855	653	26,468	92.9	62.0	12,901	7,593	2,895	2,290	789

PART IV, Section 2

District Court Division
Caseflow Data

The District Court Division

This section contains data tables and accompanying charts depicting the caseflow in 1981-82 of cases filed and disposed of in the State's district courts, including those handled by magistrates.

When the plaintiff in a civil case requests, and the amount in controversy does not exceed $1,000, the case may be classified as a "small claim" civil action and assigned to a magistrate for hearing. Magistrates also have certain criminal case jurisdiction. They may accept written appearance and waiver of trial, with plea of guilty, and enter judgment in accord with the schedule of fines promulgated by chief district judges for traffic offenses. Also, magistrates may accept guilty pleas in other misdemeanor cases where the sentence cannot be in excess of 30 days or $50 fine; and may hear and enter judgment in worthless check cases where the amount involved is $500 or less, and any prison sentence imposed does not exceed 30 days.

Appeals from magistrates' judgments in both civil and criminal cases are to the district court, with a district court judge presiding.

This section contains data on three major case classifications in the district court division: civil cases, juvenile proceedings, and criminal cases. Civil cases include cases assigned to magistrates (small claims as defined above), domestic relations cases (chiefly concerned with annulments, divorces, alimony, custody and support of children), and "general civil" cases. Juvenile proceedings are classified in accordance with the nature of the offense or condition alleged in the petition which initiates the case. District court criminal cases are divided into motor vehicle cases (where the offense charged is defined in Chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes) and non-motor criminal cases.

Consistent with previous years, the pie charts on the following page illustrate that district court criminal cases filed and disposed of in the 1981-82 year greatly outnumbered civil cases. Motor vehicle criminal cases constituted approximately forty-eight per cent of total filings and dispositions, and the non-motor vehicle criminal cases accounted for just under thirty per cent. As in past years, the greatest portion of district court civil filings and dispositions were small claims referred to magistrates.

The large volume categories of criminal motor-vehicle and civil magistrate cases are not reported by case file numbers. Therfore, it is not possible to obtain, by computer processing, the numbers of pending cases as of a given date or the ages of cases pending and ages of cases at disposition. These categories of cases are processed through the courts faster than any others, thus explaining the decision not to allocate personnel and computer resource to reporting these cases in the detail that is provided for other categories of cases.

Also, juvenile proceedings and hearings on commitment or recommitment of persons to the State's mental hospital facilities are not reported by case file numbers.

Two tables are provided on juvenile proceedings: offenses and conditions alleged, and numbers of adjudicatory hearings held.

Data on district court hearings for mental hospital commitments and recommitments is reported in Part III, "Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents."

Ages of district court cases pending on June 30, 1982, and ages of cases disposed of during 1981-82 are reported for the general civil and domestic relations and for the criminal non-motor vehicle case categories.

The table for general civil and domestic relations cases shows that the median age of such cases which were pending on June 30, 1982, was 181 days, compared with a median age of 189 days for cases pending on June 30, 1981. The median age of cases in this category at the time of disposition during 1981-82 was 67 days, compared with a median age of 66 days at the time of disposition during 1980-81.

For district court non-motor vehicle criminal cases, the median age for cases pending on June 30, 1982, was 61 days compared with a median age of 54 days for cases pending on June 30, 1981. The median age of cases in this category at the time of disposition during 1981-82 was 22 days compared with a median age of 21 days at the time of disposition during 1980-81.

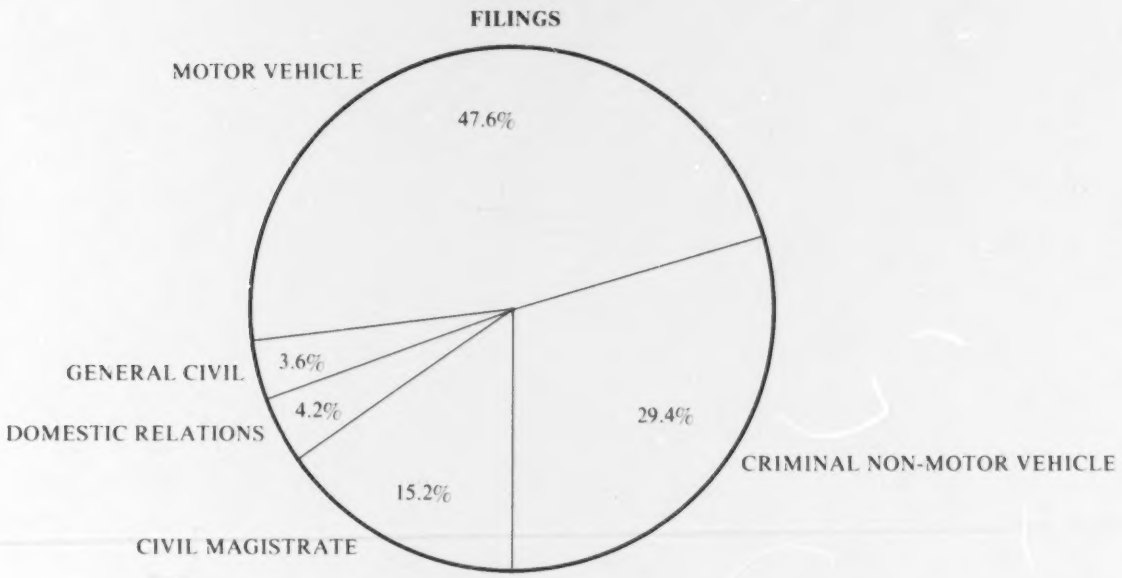
The Statewide total district court filings during 1981-82, not including juvenile cases and mental hospital commitment hearings, was 1,421,309 cases, compared with 1,520,826 during 1980-81, a decrease of 99,517 (6.5%). Most of this reduction came in the motor vehicle criminal case category where filings in 1980-81 amounted to 773,443 cases compared to 677,247 cases filed in 1981-82, a decrease of 96,196 (12.4%) cases. This reduction appears to mirror a similar drop in reported State Highway Patrol charges of motor vehicle violations. (However, it should be noted that Highway Patrol charging activity represents only part of the total picture in motor vehicle criminal cases. Citations are also written by city and county law enforcement agencies, and data on charges of motor vehicle violations by these is not available.)

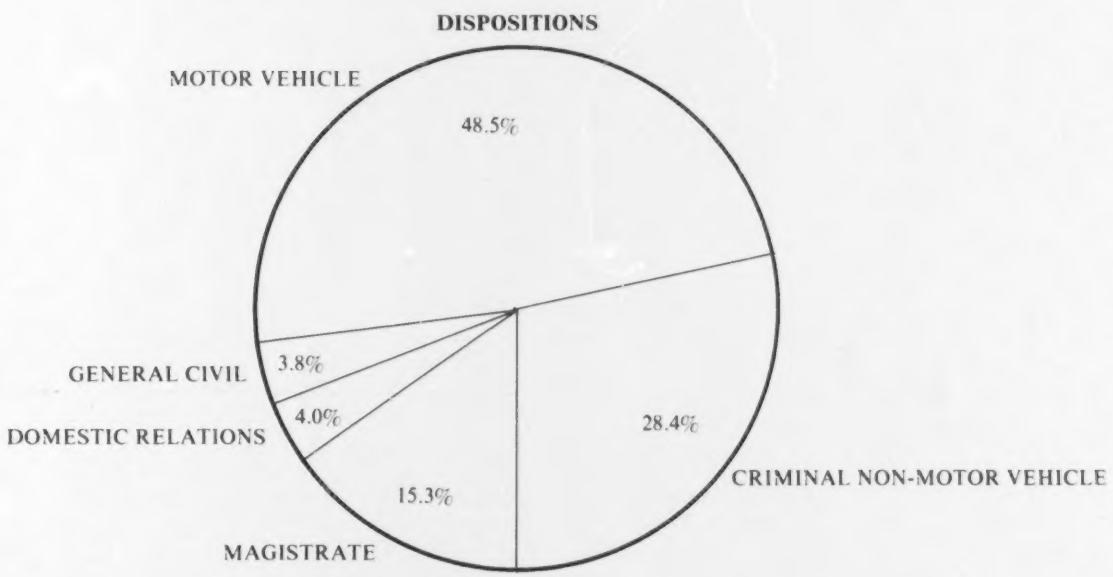
There also was a decrease (5.4%) in district court civil case filings, from a total of 344,483 in 1980-81 to 325,886 in 1981-82. Most of this decrease was in civil magistrate filings, from 226,604 cases in 1980-81 to 215,625 cases in 1981-82. In the domestic relations category, there was a decrease of 6,740 cases in 1981-82 compared to the number in 1980-81, attributable to a change in reporting: subsequent motions and petitions in a domestic relations case, following initial disposition, are no longer reported.

The only increase in district court case filings came in the criminal non-motor vehicle case category. A total of 418,176 cases in this category were filed during 1981-82, which was a 3.8% increase over the 402,900 cases filed in 1980-81.

FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

1981-1982

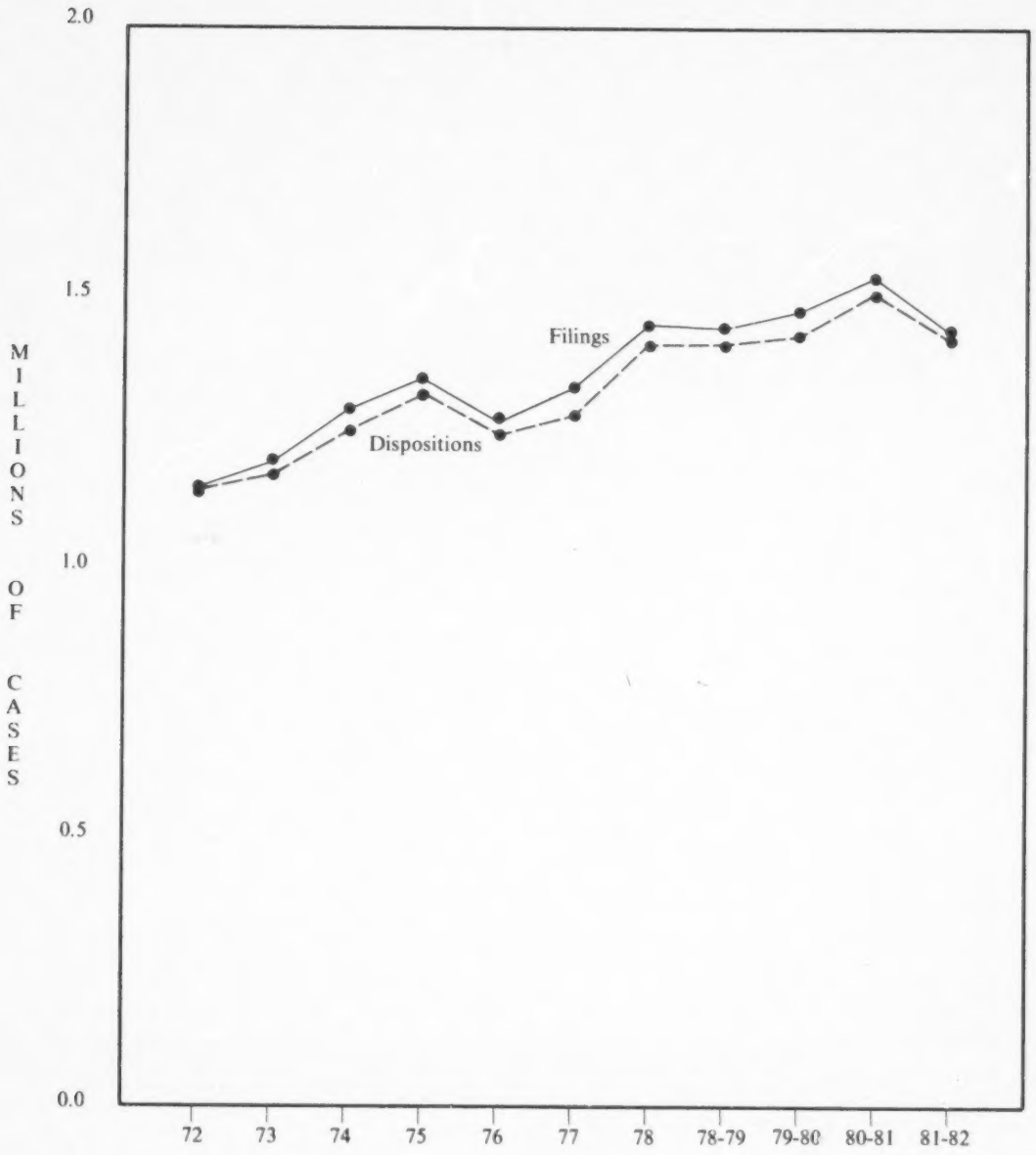




Criminal cases continue to dominate the district court caseload. However, the motor vehicle portion of the caseload is smaller than it has been in recent years; this is a reflection of the significant drop in motor vehicle cases filed and disposed during 1981-82.

FILING AND DISPOSITION TRENDS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

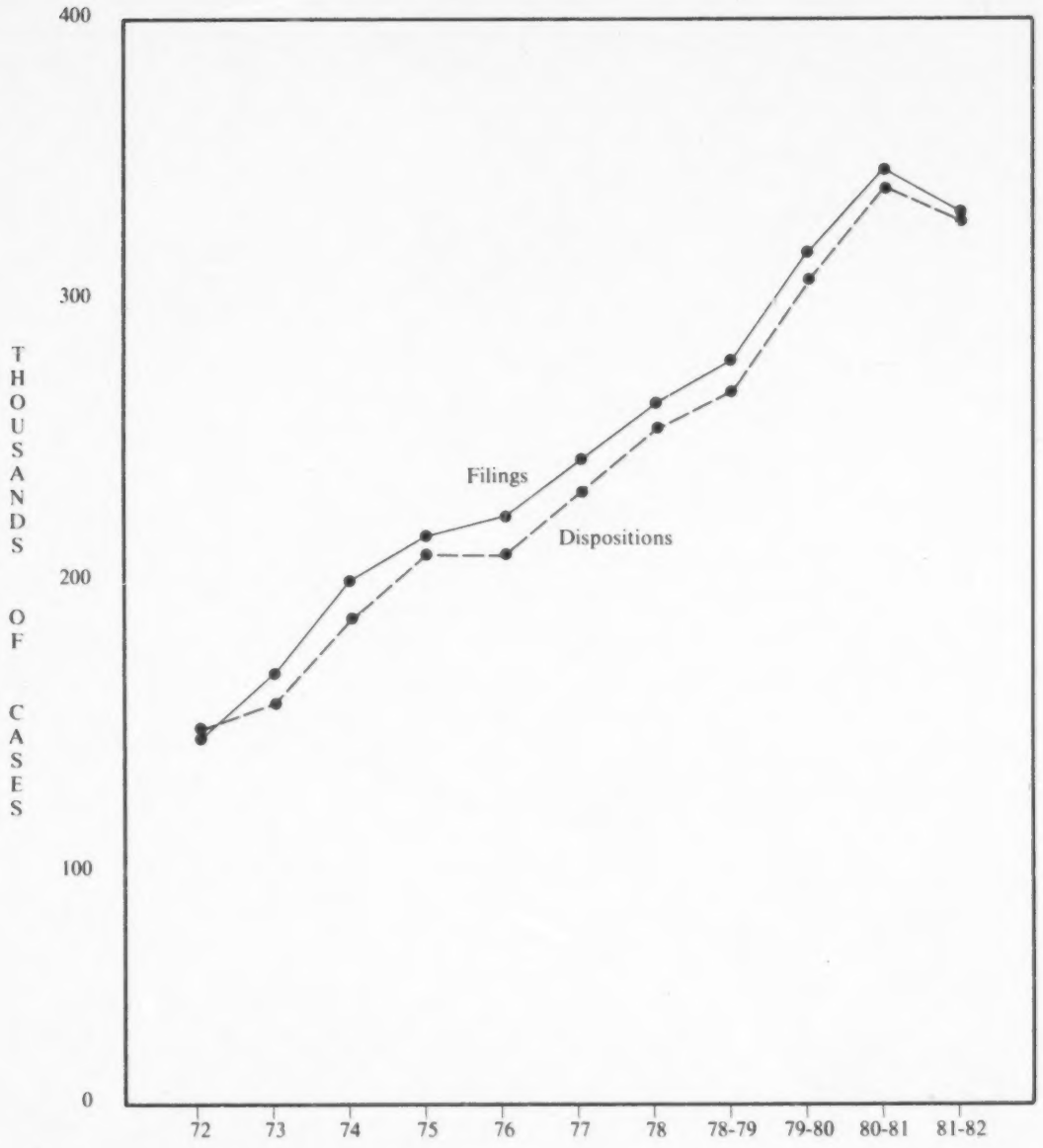
1972-1982



Depicted in this graph are all civil and criminal case filings and dispositions for the last decade, including traffic offenses and civil magistrate cases. The decrease in filings and dispositions for 1981-82 is largely attributable to a 12.4% decrease in filings and a 12% decrease in dispositions in motor vehicle cases, as compared to the 1980-81 fiscal year.

FILING AND DISPOSITION TRENDS OF CIVIL DISTRICT COURT CASES

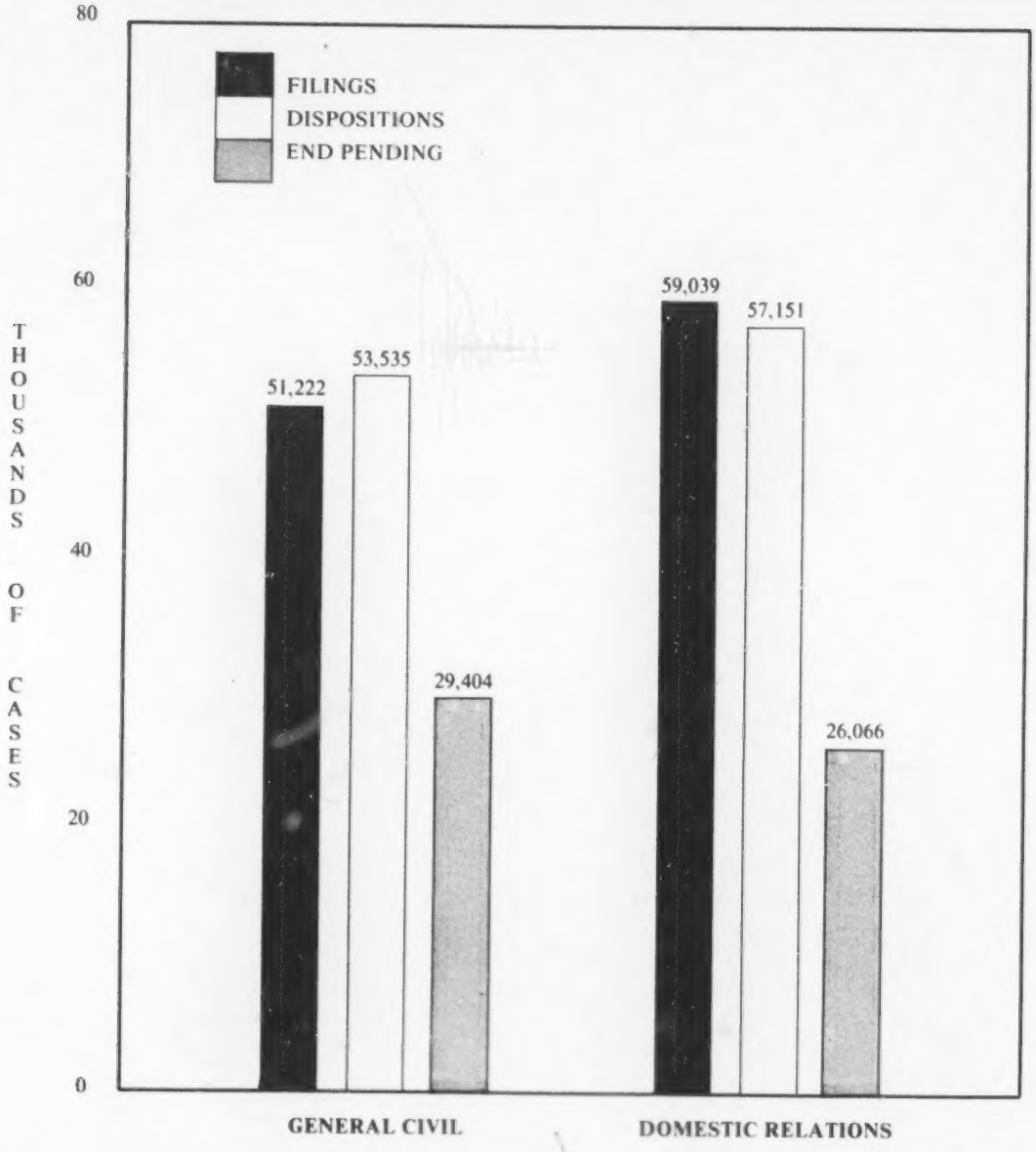
1972-1982



After a steady upward trend during the past decade, district court civil case filings decreased by 5.4% and dispositions by 3.5% during the 1981-82 fiscal year; all categories of civil cases contributed to the decrease. During 1981-82, generral civil filings decreased by 1.3%, and civil magistrate filings dropped by 4.9%, as compared to 1980-81; the exclusion of post-disposition activities in the domestic relations area largely contributed to the 10.3% decrease there.

GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

1981-1982



General civil dispositions outnumbered case filings during the 1981-82 year, resulting in a reduction in the number of cases pending at the end of the year as compared to the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year. Unlike previous years, domestic relations case filings and dispositions only included new cases; no post-disposition activities were counted as part of the caseload during 1981-82.

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1981 — June 30, 1982

	Pending 7/1/81	Filings			Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/82
		Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations				
District 1								
Camden	23	52	21	31	75	51	68.0	24
Chowan	78	196	79	117	274	199	72.6	75
Currituck	77	209	106	103	286	146	51.0	140
Dare	164	334	188	146	498	360	72.2	138
Gates	56	65	19	46	121	88	72.7	33
Pasquotank	231	456	167	289	687	465	67.6	222
Perquimans	32	110	38	72	142	96	67.6	46
District Totals	661	1,422	618	804	2,083	1,405	67.4	678
District 2								
Beaufort	278	539	186	353	817	537	65.7	280
Hyde	26	62	14	48	88	61	69.3	27
Martin	189	363	107	256	552	347	62.8	205
Tyrrell	24	40	7	33	64	43	67.1	21
Washington	89	193	65	128	282	207	73.4	75
District Totals	606	1,197	379	818	1,803	1,195	66.2	608
District 3								
Carteret	478	875	262	613	1,353	832	61.4	521
Craven	945	1,625	638	987	2,570	1,745	67.8	825
Pamlico	73	143	46	97	216	141	65.2	75
Pitt	953	1,637	779	858	2,590	1,631	62.9	959
District Totals	2,449	4,280	1,725	2,555	6,729	4,349	64.6	2,380
District 4								
Duplin	371	588	236	352	959	547	57.0	412
Jones	72	110	33	77	182	109	59.8	73
Onslow	1,007	1,736	382	1,354	2,743	1,638	59.7	1,105
Sampson	351	714	222	492	1,065	752	70.6	313
District Totals	1,801	3,148	873	2,275	4,949	3,046	61.5	1,903
District 5								
New Hanover	1,288	3,069	1,607	1,462	4,357	2,853	65.4	1,504
Pender	130	309	120	189	439	265	60.3	174
District Totals	1,418	3,378	1,727	1,651	4,796	3,118	65.0	1,678
District 6								
Bertie	97	235	60	175	332	218	65.6	114
Halifax	211	774	245	529	985	808	82.0	177
Hertford	304	810	535	275	1,114	764	68.5	350
Northampton	73	268	138	130	341	267	78.2	74
District Totals	685	2,087	978	1,109	2,772	2,057	74.2	715
District 7								
Edgecombe	687	1,119	423	696	1,806	1,236	68.4	570
Nash	704	1,027	400	627	1,731	1,161	67.0	570
Wilson	533	1,266	447	819	1,799	1,239	68.8	560
District Totals	1,924	3,412	1,270	2,142	5,336	3,636	68.1	1,700
District 8								
Greene	55	156	119	37	211	176	83.4	35
Lenoir	786	1,446	582	864	2,232	1,642	73.5	590
Wayne	1,814	2,460	1,162	1,298	4,274	2,698	63.1	1,576
District Totals	2,655	4,062	1,863	2,199	6,717	4,516	67.2	2,201

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1981 — June 30, 1982

		Filings						
District 9	Pending 7/1/81	Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/82
Franklin	165	359	244	115	524	342	65.2	182
Granville	137	331	120	211	468	324	69.2	144
Person	276	440	198	242	716	400	55.8	316
Vance	309	663	145	518	972	632	65.0	340
Warren	214	301	56	245	515	397	77.0	118
District Totals	1,101	2,094	763	1,331	3,195	2,095	65.5	1,100
District 10								
Wake	4,239	7,634	4,750	2,884	11,873	7,682	64.7	4,191
District 11								
Harnett	753	981	471	510	1,734	1,229	70.8	505
Johnston	907	1,425	781	644	2,332	1,505	64.5	827
Lee	669	946	655	281	1,615	917	56 7	698
District Totals	2,329	3,352	1,917	1,435	5,681	3,651	64.2	2,030
District 12								
Cumberland	2,545	5,047	1,394	3,653	7,592	4,755	62.6	2,837
Hoke	123	372	171	201	495	377	76.1	118
District Totals	2,668	5,419	1,565	3,854	8,087	5,132	63.4	2,955
District 13								
Bladen	147	612	372	240	759	603	79.4	156
Brunswick	268	663	295	368	931	647	69.4	284
Columbus	444	1,043	420	623	1,487	1,082	72.7	405
District Totals	859	2,318	1,087	1,231	3,177	2,332	73.4	845
District 14								
Durham	2,285	3,234	2,085	1,149	5,519	3,719	67.3	1,800
District 15A								
Alamance	504	1,617	592	1,025	2,121	1,648	77.6	473
District 15B								
Chatham	184	372	128	244	556	424	76.2	132
Orange	962	939	613	326	1,901	1,192	62.7	709
District Totals	1,146	1,311	741	570	2,457	1,616	65.7	841
District 16								
Robeson	739	1,979	931	1,048	2,718	1,901	69.9	817
Scotland	220	732	431	301	952	630	66.1	322
District Totals	959	2,711	1,362	1,349	3,670	2,531	68.9	1,139
District 17A								
Caswell	95	186	50	136	281	176	62.6	105
Rockingham	505	1,318	512	806	1,823	1,454	79.7	369
District Totals	600	1,504	562	942	2,104	1,630	77.4	474
District 17B								
Stokes	109	337	156	181	446	314	70.4	132
Surry	458	1,079	571	508	1,537	1,138	74.0	399
District Totals	567	1,416	727	689	1,983	1,452	73.2	531
District 18								
Guilford	3,434	7,091	3,706	3,385	10,525	7,730	73.4	2,795

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CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1981 — June 30, 1982

	Pending 7/1/81	Filings			Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/82
		Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations				
District 19A								
Cabarrus	843	1,579	690	889	2,422	1,655	68.3	767
Rowan	565	1,352	573	779	1,917	1,223	63.7	694
District Totals	1,408	2,931	1,263	1,668	4,339	2,878	66.3	1,461
District 19B								
Montgomery	158	273	228	45	431	225	52.2	206
Randolph	326	988	291	697	1,314	1,005	76.4	309
District Totals	484	1,261	519	742	1,745	1,230	70.4	515
District 20								
Anson	143	345	149	196	488	309	63.3	179
Moore	380	785	330	455	1,165	733	62.9	432
Richmond	747	679	214	465	1,426	683	47.8	742
Stanly	366	767	530	237	1,133	652	57.5	481
Union	559	937	492	445	1,496	933	62.3	563
District Totals	2,195	3,513	1,715	1,798	5,708	3,310	57.9	2,398
District 21								
Forsyth	2,122	6,369	3,969	2,400	8,491	6,305	74.2	2,186
District 22								
Alexander	94	261	75	186	355	286	80.5	69
Davidson	463	1,348	497	851	1,811	1,382	76.3	429
Davie	114	265	100	165	379	274	72.2	105
Iredell	501	1,277	643	634	1,778	1,278	71.8	500
District Totals	1,172	3,151	1,315	1,836	4,323	3,220	74.4	1,103
District 23								
Alleghany	48	123	66	57	171	130	76.0	41
Ashe	86	223	76	147	309	205	66.3	104
Wilkes	451	1,310	826	484	1,761	1,408	79.9	353
Yadkin	127	391	156	235	518	392	75.6	126
District Totals	712	2,047	1,124	923	2,759	2,135	77.3	624
District 24								
Avery	98	225	106	119	323	192	59.4	131
Madison	67	138	42	96	205	117	57.0	88
Mitchell	63	153	62	91	216	138	63.8	78
Watauga	132	474	237	237	606	393	64.8	213
Yancey	84	173	78	95	257	180	70.0	77
District Totals	444	1,163	525	638	1,607	1,020	63.4	587
District 25								
Burke	603	1,196	517	679	1,799	1,272	70.7	527
Caldwell	636	1,146	528	618	1,782	1,070	60.0	712
Catawba	1,047	2,116	1,013	1,103	3,163	2,359	74.5	804
District Totals	2,286	4,458	2,058	2,400	6,744	4,701	69.7	2,043
District 26								
Mecklenburg	7,279	11,236	5,805	5,431	18,515	10,253	55.3	8,262
District 27A								
Gaston	1,103	2,696	762	1,934	3,804	2,643	69.4	1,161

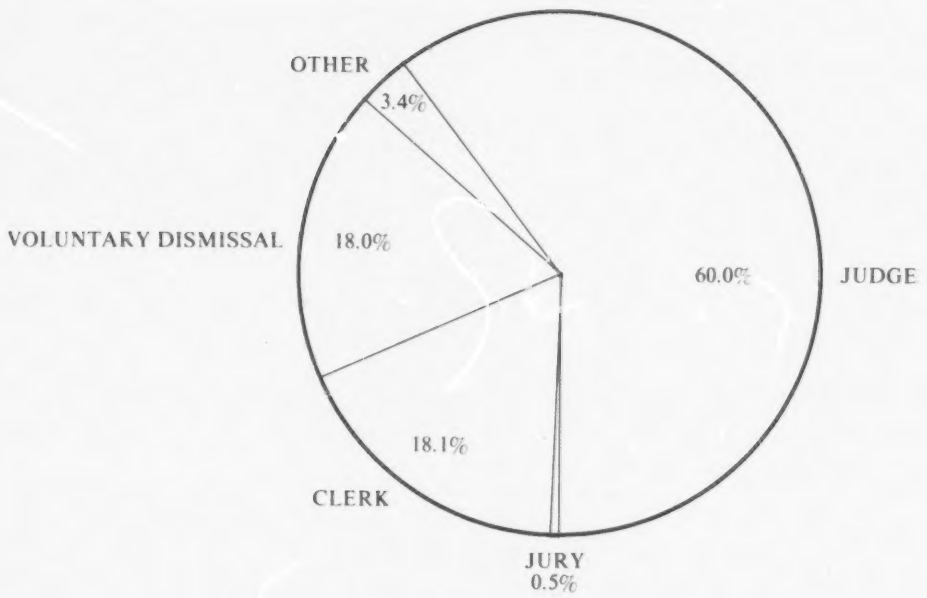
CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1981 — June 30, 1982

	Pending 7/1/81	Filings			Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/82
		Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations				
District 27B								
Cleveland	343	1,146	359	787	1,489	1,060	71.1	429
Lincoln	244	530	188	342	774	590	76.2	184
District Totals	587	1,676	547	1,129	2,263	1,650	72.9	613
District 28								
Buncombe	1,097	2,923	1,012	1,911	4,020	2,807	69.8	1,213
District 29								
Henderson	480	918	270	648	1,398	824	58.9	574
McDowell	187	489	153	336	676	475	70.2	201
Polk	55	123	45	78	178	139	78.0	39
Rutherford	230	586	207	379	816	593	72.6	223
Transylvania	259	340	105	235	599	392	65.4	207
District Totals	1,211	2,456	780	1,676	3,667	2,423	66.0	1,244
District 30								
Cherokee	102	235	10	225	337	152	45.1	185
Clay	15	72	37	35	87	59	67.8	28
Graham	37	86	13	73	123	96	78.0	27
Haywood	260	616	222	394	876	575	65.6	301
Jackson	225	269	91	178	494	293	59.3	201
Macon	156	238	96	142	394	257	65.2	137
Swain	105	178	69	109	283	139	49.1	144
District Totals	900	1,694	538	1,156	2,594	1,571	60.5	1,023
State Totals	55,895	110,261	51,222	59,039	166,156	110,686	66.6	55,470

METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF DISTRICT COURT GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES

1981-1982



The majority of civil district court cases, excluding civil magistrate cases, are disposed by judges. Only 498 jury trials were held in district court for civil cases during the 1981-82 year.

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1981 — June 30, 1982

	Total Dispositions	General Civil					Domestic Relations				
		Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 1											
Camden	51	0	0	7	[illegible]	[illegible]	23	0	0	5	4
Chowan	199	13	0	41	[illegible]		93	0	4	14	6
Currituck	146	19	2	10	[illegible]	[illegible]	64	0	0	11	9
Dare	360	43	0	61	[illegible]	[illegible]	116	0	1	26	12
Gates	88	11	0	9	[illegible]	[illegible]	49	0	0	6	1
Pasquotank	465	40	1	89	[illegible]	[illegible]	233	1	0	24	10
Perquimans	96	3	0	13	10	1	60	0	0	9	0
District Totals	1,405	[illegible]	3	230	221	41	638	1	5	95	42
District 2											
Beaufort	537	35	7	63	55	12	329	0	4	26	6
Hyde	61	9	1	1	2	0	42	0	0	3	3
Martin	347	21	1	41	4	15	255	0	0	1	9
Tyrrell	43	2	0	3	1	1	28	0	1	3	4
Washington	207	19	1	24	27	5	109	0	2	5	15
District Totals	1,195	86	10	132	89	33	763	0	7	38	37
District 3											
Carteret	832	85	2	96	144	16	404	0	7	63	15
Craven	1,745	197	8	287	304	20	775	0	9	57	88
Pamlico	141	16	1	13	13	8	54	1	0	16	19
Pitt	1,631	237	1	257	320	20	689	0	8	58	41
District Totals	4,349	535	12	653	781	64	1,922	1	24	194	163
District 4											
Duplin	547	111	0	101	63	5	241	1	9	5	11
Jones	109	20	0	9	4	1	70	0	0	3	2
Onslow	1,638	153	3	78	123	7	1,128	1	0	100	45
Sampson	752	104	5	72	77	[illegible]	399	0	2	83	9
District Totals	3,046	388	8	260	267	14	1,838	2	11	191	67
District 5											
New Hanover	2,853	531	5	626	328	3	1,276	5	10	68	1
Pender	265	28	3	24	30	8	146	0	0	15	11
District Totals	3,118	559	8	650	358	11	1,422	5	10	83	12
District 6											
Bertie	218	14	2	17	13	1	159	1	1	10	0
Halifax	808	99	1	133	52	2	495	0	2	21	3
Hertford	764	60	2	207	225	7	223	0	4	26	10
Northampton	267	98	0	26	12	7	119	0	1	4	0
District Totals	2,057	271	5	383	302	17	996	1	8	61	13
District 7											
Edgecombe	1,236	217	1	166	118	1	660	0	2	45	26
Nash	1,161	169	4	173	158	[illegible]	597	0	4	30	18
Wilson	1,239	192	0	142	111	[illegible]	755	0	12	22	3
District Totals	3,636	578	5	481	387	11	2,012	0	18	97	47
District 8											
Greene	176	102	0	9	1	16	41	0	1	0	6
Lenoir	1,642	205	3	272	165	6	935	3	5	48	0
Wayne	2,698	293	12	459	648	1	1,051	6	19	204	5
District Totals	4,516	600	15	740	814	23	2,027	9	25	252	11

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1981 — June 30, 1982

	Total Dispositions	General Civil					Domestic Relations				
		Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 9											
Franklin	342	137	0	17	49	9	113	0	2	11	4
Granville	324	53	0	30	40	4	159	0	22	12	4
Person	400	71	2	67	48	0	197	0	2	13	0
Vance	632	50	2	30	44	20	223	0	4	34	224
Warren	397	58	2	20	31	4	249	1	4	17	11
District Totals	2,095	369	6	164	213	37	941	1	34	87	243
District 10											
Wake	7,682	1,493	14	1,930	1,385	70	2,517	2	15	163	93
District 11											
Harnett	1,229	233	10	151	244	4	496	1	3	66	21
Johnston	1,505	313	3	128	250	135	579	0	6	80	11
Lee	917	215	5	234	182	66	204	0	1	9	1
District Totals	3,651	761	18	513	676	205	1,279	1	10	155	33
District 12											
Cumberland	4,755	523	8	511	385	0	2,934	2	54	284	54
Hoke	377	26	0	76	5	55	92	0	4	6	113
District Totals	5,132	549	8	587	390	55	3,026	2	58	290	167
District 13											
Bladen	603	77	6	158	113	9	200	1	15	21	3
Brunswick	647	75	0	69	101	9	356	0	3	34	0
Columbus	1,082	144	21	116	158	1	553	1	3	85	0
District Totals	2,332	296	27	343	372	19	1,109	2	21	140	3
District 14											
Durham	3,719	913	10	869	583	42	1,120	2	17	88	75
District 15A											
Alamance	1,648	133	10	179	246	57	757	0	17	83	166
District 15B											
Chatham	424	71	2	35	23	12	261	0	3	9	8
Orange	1,192	370	5	90	156	36	461	0	2	50	22
District Totals	1,616	441	7	125	179	48	722	0	5	59	30
District 16											
Robeson	1,901	209	3	263	288	83	988	0	3	28	36
Scotland	630	106	0	171	53	0	276	0	7	16	1
District Totals	2,531	315	3	434	341	83	1,264	0	10	44	37
District 17A											
Caswell	176	12	0	13	16	2	121	0	0	7	5
Rockingham	1,454	93	9	352	144	2	751	0	5	78	20
District Totals	1,630	105	9	365	160	4	872	0	5	85	25
District 17B											
Stokes	314	31	2	46	37	3	165	0	2	28	0
Surry	1,138	107	0	319	182	6	456	0	5	53	10
District Totals	1,452	138	2	365	219	9	621	0	7	81	10
District 18											
Guilford	7,730	1,127	43	1,465	1,450	26	3,256	1	21	263	78

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	Total Dispositions	General Civil					Domestic Relations				
		Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 19A											
Cabarrus	1,655	170	11	381	251	3	730	2	8	92	7
Rowan	1,223	162	1	161	176	4	641	0	5	70	3
District Totals	2,878	332	12	542	427	7	1,371	2	13	162	10
District 19B											
Montgomery	225	118	0	19	42	5	29	0	0	3	9
Randolph	1,005	87	4	140	116	3	567	0	8	51	29
District Totals	1,230	205	4	159	158	8	596	0	8	54	38
District 20											
Anson	309	29	3	59	37	1	153	0	2	25	0
Moore	733	93	6	154	68	2	352	2	5	37	14
Richmond	683	65	2	118	49	21	345	0	50	24	9
Stanly	652	114	0	208	110	10	190	0	0	20	0
Union	933	153	16	194	109	9	392	4	8	39	9
District Totals	3,310	454	27	733	373	43	1,432	6	65	145	32
District 21											
Forsyth	6,305	1,218	28	1,337	1,288	18	2,185	1	20	178	32
District 22											
Alexander	286	38	0	32	22	1	150	0	2	36	5
Davidson	1,382	139	10	209	148	4	817	3	10	42	0
Davie	274	38	0	13	53	10	101	3	4	35	17
Iredell	1,278	109	5	279	267	8	509	0	9	86	6
District Totals	3,220	324	15	533	490	23	1,577	6	25	199	28
District 23											
Alleghany	130	31	0	24	0	16	48	0	2	1	8
Ashe	205	14	1	30	24	3	124	0	0	8	1
Wilkes	1,408	183	4	476	258	29	405	0	2	43	8
Yadkin	392	37	4	49	57	3	215	1	3	19	4
District Totals	2,135	265	9	579	339	51	792	1	7	71	21
District 24											
Avery	192	14	0	32	2	46	85	0	2	0	11
Madison	117	27	1	3	8	0	75	0	0	3	0
Mitchell	138	13	0	20	27	1	67	0	1	5	4
Watauga	393	49	2	71	71	4	179	0	0	12	5
Yancey	180	25	1	14	24	26	72	1	1	8	8
District Totals	1,020	128	4	140	132	77	478	1	4	28	28
District 25											
Burke	1,272	135	6	173	269	4	606	1	4	70	4
Caldwell	1,070	136	0	207	190	5	486	0	2	44	0
Catawba	2,359	253	12	563	192	236	995	1	4	54	49
District Totals	4,701	524	18	943	651	245	2,087	2	10	168	53
District 26											
Mecklenburg	10,253	1,408	25	2,486	1,164	530	4,342	8	67	124	99
District 27A											
Gaston	2,643	286	9	291	258	1	1,656	1	15	97	29

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		Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 27B											
Cleveland	1,060	153	6	83	97	6	639	2	4	70	0
Lincoln	590	56	4	88	93	2	299	0	2	43	3
District Totals	1,650	209	10	171	190	8	938	2	6	113	3
District 28											
Buncombe	2,807	426	31	253	315	3	1,577	3	13	185	1
District 29											
Henderson	824	138	7	41	94	3	495	1	9	32	4
McDowell	475	33	0	66	42	13	266	0	9	39	7
Polk	139	13	1	10	25	2	67	0	2	12	7
Rutherford	593	58	5	76	71	7	350	0	2	24	0
Transylvania	392	41	2	28	70	2	218	2	1	28	0
District Totals	2,423	283	15	221	302	27	1,396	3	23	135	18
District 30											
Cherokee	152	3	0	1	1	0	93	0	26	26	2
Clay	59	10	0	13	5	4	19	0	0	6	2
Graham	96	5	0	1	5	1	53	0	1	18	12
Haywood	575	72	0	60	61	8	334	0	11	28	1
Jackson	293	40	0	57	4	44	121	0	1	5	21
Macon	257	38	0	23	40	8	105	0	1	24	18
Swain	139	32	2	8	23	2	59	0	1	12	0
District Totals	1,571	200	2	163	139	67	784	0	41	119	56
State Totals	110,686	16,048	432	19,419	15,659	1,977	50,313	66	645	4,327	1,800

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	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
District 1																
Camden	24	141.5	108.0	10	6	7	1	0	51	169.7	106.0	20	9	16	6	0
Chowan	75	286.7	146.0	21	21	18	9	6	199	188.6	68.0	115	23	37	14	10
Currituck	140	108.7	30.5	92	18	20	7	3	146	188.3	98.0	71	17	30	25	3
Dare	138	216.8	125.5	57	36	22	12	11	360	209.2	89.0	182	47	58	59	14
Gates	33	252.0	124.0	14	7	3	7	2	88	249.1	96.0	44	11	13	12	8
Pasquotank	222	214.5	140.0	93	28	55	38	8	465	169.1	73.0	259	72	61	59	14
Perquimans	46	250.1	113.0	21	9	6	7	3	96	137.4	50.0	65	11	10	6	4
District Totals	678	202.7	112.5	308	125	131	81	33	1,405	187.0	76.0	756	190	225	181	53
District 2																
Beaufort	280	353.2	266.5	77	38	55	83	27	537	174.0	52.0	354	50	56	37	40
Hyde	27	205.9	93.0	13	3	5	5	1	61	167.5	69.0	32	14	8	5	2
Martin	205	622.6	266.0	51	27	35	36	56	347	146.9	49.0	238	45	29	18	17
Tyrrell	21	570.8	415.0	6	2	2	3	8	43	114.8	52.0	26	7	9	1	0
Washington	75	258.9	135.0	23	20	13	13	6	207	152.3	76.0	113	22	52	17	3
District Totals	608	433.4	243.0	170	90	110	140	98	1,195	160.0	53.0	763	138	154	78	62
District 3																
Carteret	521	398.2	229.0	159	70	112	124	56	832	201.0	70.0	466	107	102	107	50
Craven	825	315.0	181.0	248	163	156	147	111	1,745	168.2	77.0	953	272	275	194	51
Pamlico	75	252.1	138.0	25	17	17	10	6	141	184.4	91.0	70	28	23	16	4
Pitt	959	352.2	222.0	346	104	167	184	158	1,631	195.2	75.0	905	259	199	164	104
District Totals	2,380	329.2	200.0	778	354	452	465	331	4,349	185.1	75.0	2,394	666	599	481	209
District 4																
Duplin	412	415.0	275.5	93	70	94	84	71	547	177.8	68.0	324	76	50	77	20
Jones	73	533.6	383.0	14	10	12	17	20	109	174.2	50.0	71	11	11	10	6
Onslow	1,105	372.4	243.0	340	154	189	211	211	1,638	144.6	66.0	996	266	185	158	33
Sampson	313	252.6	148.0	116	65	54	54	24	752	183.3	67.5	440	89	113	57	53
District Totals	1,903	368.1	232.0	563	299	349	366	326	3,046	161.2	66.0	1,831	442	359	302	112
District 5																
New Hanover	1,504	289.6	152.0	570	230	321	246	137	2,853	154.6	59.0	1,859	315	351	214	114
Pender	174	262.2	186.0	67	19	44	30	14	265	169.9	58.0	159	40	36	18	12
District Totals	1,678	286.8	152.5	637	249	365	276	151	3,118	155.9	59.0	2,018	355	387	232	126
District 6																
Bertie	114	173.3	98.0	53	20	21	17	3	218	141.8	63.0	135	33	24	19	7
Halifax	177	111.0	78.0	96	53	24	3	1	808	121.3	62.5	488	124	143	46	7
Hertford	350	151.0	129.0	141	93	95	18	3	764	141.5	94.5	374	193	129	58	10
Northampton	74	178.9	105.0	35	8	18	12	1	267	84.2	34.0	199	30	27	8	3
District Totals	715	147.5	103.0	325	174	158	50	8	2,057	126.1	67.0	1,196	380	323	131	27

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District 7	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
Edgecombe	570	476.9	271.5	159	72	105	105	129	1,236	246.9	63.0	726	137	83	125	165
Nash	570	321.9	234.5	196	61	99	160	54	1,161	265.3	71.0	639	160	85	123	154
Wilson	560	346.1	233.0	157	83	118	131	71	1,239	128.6	49.0	897	126	64	126	26
District Totals	1,700	381.8	247.0	512	216	322	396	254	3,636	212.4	59.0	2,262	423	232	374	345
District 8																
Greene	35	172.1	103.0	13	10	6	6	0	176	207.5	50.0	113	17	18	15	13
Lenoir	590	191.4	110.5	256	121	131	58	24	1,642	175.0	74.0	887	185	285	263	22
Wayne	1,576	294.7	265.5	376	253	395	478	74	2,698	284.0	96.0	1,311	295	153	735	204
District Totals	2,201	265.1	209.0	645	384	532	542	98	4,516	241.4	84.5	2,311	497	456	1,013	239
District 9																
Franklin	182	335.0	223.0	53	29	50	32	18	342	173.9	62.0	201	44	49	35	13
Granville	144	242.0	122.5	57	28	27	24	8	324	149.8	68.0	191	46	55	22	10
Person	316	486.4	433.5	67	40	37	67	105	400	132.0	48.0	274	32	59	24	11
Vance	340	249.9	140.0	134	61	75	38	32	632	158.7	82.0	325	120	117	57	13
Warren	118	306.6	233.0	26	26	28	28	10	397	251.1	76.0	209	39	62	48	39
District Totals	1,100	337.0	206.5	337	184	217	189	173	2,095	172.3	65.0	1,200	281	342	186	86
District 10																
Wake	4,191	290.0	224.0	1,282	579	1,008	1,049	273	7,682	204.0	69.0	4,431	1,168	723	821	539
District 11																
Harnett	505	254.6	181.0	169	82	135	96	23	1,229	327.5	107.0	582	110	88	299	150
Johnston	827	324.9	230.0	225	129	191	204	78	1,505	249.7	63.0	868	158	100	247	132
Lee	698	496.7	244.0	170	112	141	126	149	917	288.3	81.0	487	99	42	117	172
District Totals	2,030	366.5	223.5	564	323	467	426	250	3,651	285.6	77.0	1,937	367	230	663	454
District 12																
Cumberland	2,837	284.4	212.0	918	391	607	726	195	4,755	174.2	64.0	2,955	738	356	349	357
Hoke	118	221.1	92.0	58	17	19	15	9	377	106.3	53.0	273	36	41	22	5
District Totals	2,955	281.9	208.0	976	408	626	741	204	5,132	169.1	63.0	3,228	774	397	371	362
District 13																
Bladen	156	135.3	111.5	62	45	46	3	0	603	91.9	50.0	423	88	74	16	2
Brunswick	284	204.9	135.0	102	62	73	34	13	647	168.6	75.0	354	102	117	63	11
Columbus	405	250.7	121.0	139	114	81	26	45	1,082	136.1	73.0	592	204	210	62	14
District Totals	845	214.0	124.0	303	221	200	63	58	2,332	133.7	64.5	1,369	394	401	141	27
District 14																
Durham	1,800	313.1	226.0	550	255	448	378	169	3,719	254.0	109.0	1,720	514	603	594	288

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District 15A																
Alamance	473	162.7	76.0	255	87	63	50	18	1,648	90.5	56.0	1,175	263	160	49	3
District 15B																
Chatham	132	195.8	125.5	51	33	27	18	3	424	264.0	83.5	214	52	36	85	37
Orange	709	431.1	272.0	189	102	91	129	198	1,192	345.2	218.5	422	142	193	217	218
District Totals	841	394.4	243.0	240	135	118	147	201	1,616	323.9	164.0	636	194	229	302	255
District 16																
Robeson	817	243.9	113.0	351	138	156	105	67	1,901	126.5	55.0	1,215	250	244	161	31
Scotland	322	265.2	114.0	147	64	52	32	27	630	128.8	58.0	403	106	80	30	11
District Totals	1,139	249.9	113.0	498	202	208	137	94	2,531	127.1	56.0	1,618	356	324	191	42
District 17A																
Caswell	105	291.4	145.0	39	21	13	17	15	176	134.8	45.0	114	16	31	10	5
Rockingham	369	142.5	75.0	200	73	64	26	6	1,454	140.1	56.0	928	155	190	163	18
District Totals	474	175.4	87.5	239	94	77	43	21	1,630	139.6	56.0	1,042	171	221	173	23
District 17B																
Stokes	132	167.3	105.0	49	43	28	9	3	314	137.7	68.5	187	49	52	21	5
Surry	399	241.9	100.0	189	62	67	45	36	1,138	182.5	64.5	663	155	135	128	57
District Totals	531	223.4	105.0	238	105	95	54	39	1,452	172.9	67.0	850	204	187	149	62
District 18																
Guilford	2,795	212.9	104.0	1,298	543	483	304	167	7,730	153.5	76.0	4,273	1,041	1,661	701	54
District 19A																
Cabarrus	767	197.1	126.0	250	187	195	127	8	1,655	198.8	102.0	767	260	319	248	61
Rowan	694	294.1	155.0	256	111	149	78	100	1,223	114.9	55.0	833	138	172	70	10
District Totals	1,461	243.2	147.0	506	298	344	205	108	2,878	163.2	69.0	1,600	398	491	318	71
District 19B																
Montgomery	206	372.1	304.5	61	23	26	75	21	225	154.7	112.0	93	81	31	16	4
Randolph	309	152.1	100.0	146	72	59	27	5	1,005	123.1	51.0	675	129	123	60	18
District Totals	515	240.1	132.0	207	95	85	102	26	1,230	128.9	59.5	768	210	154	76	22
District 20																
Anson	179	280.5	189.0	68	21	32	40	18	309	188.0	57.0	204	29	25	28	23
Moore	432	299.9	218.0	142	51	109	86	44	733	161.0	68.0	433	120	78	74	28
Richmond	743	703.8	467.0	147	54	108	170	264	683	281.8	75.0	379	61	46	102	95
Stanly	481	479.5	330.0	103	67	88	115	108	652	124.9	49.0	466	80	52	43	11
Union	563	313.5	244.0	168	72	148	124	51	933	216.0	68.0	532	100	103	138	60
District Totals	2,398	462.9	297.0	628	265	485	535	485	3,310	196.9	63.0	2,014	390	304	385	217

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District 21																
Forsyth	2,186	142.3	72.0	1,202	530	269	130	55	6,305	128.4	68.0	3,858	1,007	1,035	340	65
District 22																
Alexander	59	143.1	69.0	41	16	5	2	5	286	142.1	47.5	197	30	30	20	9
Davidson	429	166.1	117.0	188	73	110	58	0	1,382	116.2	58.0	897	213	165	98	9
Davie	105	219.7	168.0	32	25	33	11	4	274	212.8	77.5	146	38	33	42	15
Iredell	500	188.1	104.0	230	83	110	54	23	1,278	137.0	61.0	798	174	184	104	18
District Totals	1,103	179.7	111.0	491	197	258	125	32	3,220	135.0	60.0	2,038	455	412	264	51
District 23																
Alleghany	41	163.4	91.0	19	9	10	2	1	130	150.7	64.0	77	22	19	10	2
Ashe	104	260.0	183.0	35	16	28	18	7	205	148.5	51.0	142	24	17	12	10
Wilkes	353	131.2	64.0	210	62	57	18	6	1,408	106.4	56.0	942	224	169	66	7
Yadkin	126	193.8	99.0	58	25	31	7	5	392	146.4	62.0	243	55	58	29	7
District Totals	624	167.4	84.5	322	112	126	45	19	2,135	120.5	57.0	1,404	325	263	117	26
District 24																
Avery	131	409.0	166.0	52	17	13	28	21	192	160.0	59.0	132	34	13	5	8
Madison	88	375.2	160.0	28	17	13	16	14	117	119.2	69.0	76	19	14	6	2
Mitchell	78	381.4	237.0	23	12	14	13	16	138	89.2	67.0	89	32	15	2	0
Watauga	213	163.5	58.0	128	46	15	10	14	393	102.0	61.0	255	73	50	14	1
Yancey	77	307.2	135.0	36	6	11	14	10	180	149.8	74.5	107	23	30	16	4
District Totals	587	297.8	112.0	267	98	66	81	75	1,020	121.6	64.0	659	181	122	43	15
District 25																
Burke	527	414.9	259.0	153	60	104	101	109	1,272	210.1	49.0	856	127	103	99	87
Caldwell	712	494.1	257.0	202	101	118	129	162	1,070	159.3	57.0	673	135	135	74	53
Catawba	804	274.0	151.5	304	132	146	161	61	2,359	197.5	57.0	1,476	234	203	293	153
District Totals	2,043	387.0	217.0	659	293	368	391	332	4,701	192.2	56.0	3,005	496	441	466	293
District 26																
Mecklenburg	8,262	469.3	322.0	1,927	899	1,543	1,930	1,963	10,253	149.9	66.0	6,209	1,682	1,073	1,039	250
District 27A																
Gaston	1,161	285.2	177.0	356	227	270	223	85	2,643	135.9	57.0	1,684	324	365	226	44
District 27B																
Cleveland	429	167.0	119.0	190	106	82	42	9	1,060	108.8	54.0	682	127	204	43	4
Lincoln	184	202.8	140.0	76	25	30	53	0	590	108.0	50.0	387	84	99	18	2
District Totals	613	177.8	124.0	266	131	112	95	9	1,650	108.5	53.0	1,069	211	303	61	6
District 28																
Buncombe	1,213	160.0	114.0	525	287	295	89	17	2,807	141.6	76.0	1,537	511	513	211	35

AGES OF GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/82 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1981-82

	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
District 29																
Henderson	574	306.9	202.5	164	108	115	130	57	824	199.5	68.0	464	119	71	115	55
McDowell	201	217.7	100.0	94	25	47	23	12	475	132.2	53.0	321	65	29	52	8
Polk	39	227.5	98.0	18	5	9	5	2	139	165.2	58.0	83	17	22	10	7
Rutherford	223	253.8	163.0	74	45	44	44	16	593	120.0	49.0	390	69	85	42	7
Transylvania	207	370.1	251.0	57	26	54	43	27	392	267.6	99.5	186	49	55	60	42
District Totals	1,244	291.0	182.0	407	209	269	245	114	2,423	175.9	59.0	1,444	319	262	279	119
District 30																
Cherokee	185	251.9	163.0	66	31	38	41	9	152	129.0	84.5	81	33	31	6	1
Clay	28	100.2	67.0	20	4	1	3	0	59	87.4	58.0	43	10	3	3	0
Graham	27	117.8	68.0	18	3	4	1	1	96	120.5	71.5	51	28	11	5	1
Haywood	301	231.4	159.0	116	54	69	44	18	575	168.2	81.0	349	68	77	64	17
Jackson	201	419.1	307.0	51	24	37	48	41	293	155.5	136.0	116	76	84	14	3
Macon	137	555.6	253.0	33	26	22	17	39	257	272.7	77.0	135	36	30	36	20
Swain	144	454.9	291.0	41	20	22	17	44	139	189.3	86.0	74	18	21	21	5
District Totals	1,023	340.3	183.0	345	162	193	171	152	1,571	175.1	78.0	849	269	257	149	47
State Totals	55,470	315.3	181.0	18,826	8,830	11,112	10,264	6,438	110,686	172.6	67.0	65,146	15,596	14,208	11,107	4,629

CIVIL MAGISTRATE FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1981 — June 30, 1982

	Filings	Dispositions
District 1		
Camden	94	97
Chowan	950	883
Currituck	337	364
Dare	442	411
Gates	298	315
Pasquotank	781	832
Perquimans	348	317
District Totals	3,250	3,219
District 2		
Beaufort	1,553	1,570
Hyde	144	139
Martin	1,107	1,167
Tyrrell	234	234
Washington	660	658
District Totals	3,698	3,768
District 3		
Carteret	1,418	1,356
Craven	2,440	2,454
Pamlico	489	533
Pitt	3,259	3,201
District Totals	7,606	7,544
District 4		
Duplin	1,826	1,907
Jones	216	212
Onslow	2,159	2,240
Sampson	2,233	2,331
District Totals	6,434	6,690
District 5		
New Hanover	3,498	3,531
Pender	654	550
District Totals	4,152	4,081
District 6		
Bertie	1,019	1,043
Halifax	2,073	2,073
Hertford	851	842
Northampton	856	891
District Totals	4,799	4,849
District 7		
Edgecombe	5,305	5,181
Nash	3,801	3,816
Wilson	3,068	3,156
District Totals	12,174	12,153
District 8		
Greene	442	476
Lenoir	3,750	3,750
Wayne	3,031	3,263
District Totals	7,223	7,489
District 9		
Franklin	1,175	1,154
Granville	1,234	1,245
Person	1,040	1,092
Vance	2,612	2,763
Warren	727	657
District Totals	6,788	6,911

	Filings	Dispositions
District 10		
Wake	10,273	9,847
District 11		
Harnett	1,624	1,675
Johnston	2,954	2,910
Lee	1,304	1,283
District Totals	5,882	5,868
District 12		
Cumberland	9,568	9,297
Hoke	697	677
District Totals	10,265	9,974
District 13		
Bladen	1,734	1,722
Brunswick	906	943
Columbus	2,832	3,218
District Totals	5,472	5,883
District 14		
Durham	12,772	12,344
District 15A		
Alamance	2,851	2,968
District 15B		
Chatham	1,017	1,001
Orange	1,549	1,581
District Totals	2,566	2,582
District 16		
Robeson	6,165	5,972
Scotland	1,322	1,327
District Totals	7,487	7,299
District 17A		
Caswell	406	412
Rockingham	2,600	2,750
District Totals	3,006	3,162
District 17B		
Stokes	467	494
Surry	2,360	2,341
District Totals	2,827	2,835
District 18		
Guilford	10,326	10,150
High Point	4,871	4,863
District Totals	15,197	15,013
District 19A		
Cabarrus	2,060	2,099
Rowan	3,033	3,072
District Totals	5,093	5,171
District 19B		
Montgomery	1,173	1,136
Randolph	1,685	1,660
District Totals	2,858	2,796

CIVIL MAGISTRATE FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	Filings	Dispositions
District 20		
Anson	1,073	1,087
Moore	1,765	1,696
Richmond	2,058	2,205
Stanly	1,395	1,395
Union	1,646	1,743
District Totals	7,937	8,126
District 21		
Forsyth	8,949	8,915
District 22		
Alexander	439	477
Davidson	1,991	2,215
Davie	433	507
Iredell	2,735	2,550
District Totals	5,598	5,749
District 23		
Alleghany	431	467
Ashe	290	231
Wilkes	2,170	2,429
Yadkin	808	920
District Totals	3,699	4,047
District 24		
Avery	256	258
Madison	124	131
Mitchell	192	219
Watauga	426	455
Yancey	154	143
District Totals	1,152	1,206
District 25		
Burke	1,523	1,543
Caldwell	2,032	2,240
Catawba	2,639	2,581
District Totals	6,194	6,364
District 26		
Mecklenburg	20,904	21,507
District 27A		
Gaston	4,110	4,177
District 27B		
Cleveland	3,279	3,349
Lincoln	787	774
District Totals	4,066	4,123
District 28		
Buncombe	4,557	4,262
District 29		
Henderson	690	666
McDowell	473	478
Polk	272	247
Rutherford	1,221	1,255
Transylvania	496	597
District Totals	3,152	3,243
District 30		
Cherokee	316	302
Clay	75	68
Graham	152	144
Haywood	1,149	1,112
Jackson	408	456
Macon	442	394
Swain	92	79
District Totals	2,634	2,555
	Total Filed	Total Disposed
State Totals	215,625	216,720

OFFENSES AND CONDITIONS ALLEGED IN JUVENILE PETITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1981 — June 30, 1982

	OFFENSES							CONDITIONS				
	Delinquent				Undisciplined							
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde-meanor	Total	Truancy	Other	Total	Dependent	Neglected	Abused	Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
District 1												
Camden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	6
Chowan	0	1	28	29	0	1	1	1	3	3	37	27
Currituck	0	6	10	16	2	0	2	0	6	4	28	22
Dare	0	8	12	20	0	0	0	0	2	0	22	21
Gates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pasquotank	0	28	57	85	0	3	3	3	4	1	96	36
Perquimans	0	3	1	4	0	1	1	0	1	4	10	8
District Totals	0	46	108	154	2	5	7	5	21	12	199	120
District 2												
Beaufort	0	12	46	58	1	1	2	16	36	0	112	55
Hyde	0	23	0	23	0	1	1	1	4	3	32	13
Martin	0	13	27	40	0	2	2	10	28	1	81	54
Tyrrell	0	2	6	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	10	10
Washington	0	9	18	27	0	1	1	0	3	1	32	21
District Totals	0	59	97	156	1	5	6	27	73	5	267	153
District 3												
Carteret	0	45	35	80	2	1	3	6	2	2	93	46
Craven	0	35	67	102	0	10	10	29	28	5	174	71
Pamlico	0	5	4	9	0	0	0	0	2	1	12	12
Pitt	0	159	106	265	5	10	15	41	18	2	341	96
District Totals	0	244	212	456	7	21	28	76	50	10	620	225
District 4												
Duplin	0	15	18	33	2	4	6	3	2	0	44	24
Jones	0	0	5	5	0	1	1	3	1	0	10	10
Onslow	0	64	109	173	0	4	4	29	30	11	247	114
Sampson	0	21	47	68	0	3	3	25	27	1	124	61
District Totals	0	100	179	279	2	12	14	60	60	12	425	209
District 5												
New Hanover	0	210	564	774	17	58	75	10	13	6	878	278
Pender	0	5	13	18	0	4	4	2	14	1	39	19
District Totals	0	215	577	792	17	62	79	12	27	7	917	297
District 6												
Bertie	0	4	10	14	0	0	0	3	5	10	32	32
Halifax	0	34	123	157	0	14	14	16	11	11	209	109
Hertford	0	4	38	42	0	3	3	22	17	5	89	48
Northampton	0	16	11	27	0	6	6	3	10	1	47	34
District Totals	0	58	182	240	0	23	23	44	43	27	377	223
District 7												
Edgecombe	0	119	173	292	4	18	22	12	23	7	356	134
Nash	0	48	169	217	1	14	15	46	28	2	308	126
Wilson	0	41	88	129	1	8	9	17	28	5	188	96
District Totals	0	208	430	638	6	40	46	75	79	14	852	356
District 8												
Greene	1	2	32	35	0	1	1	1	2	1	40	15
Lenoir	0	28	124	152	6	21	27	22	41	2	244	110
Wayne	0	69	53	122	9	12	21	28	84	10	265	119
District Totals	1	99	209	309	15	34	49	51	127	13	549	244

OFFENSES AND CONDITIONS ALLEGED IN JUVENILE PETITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	OFFENSES							CONDITIONS				
	Delinquent				Undisciplined							Children Before
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde-meanor	Total	Truancy	Other	Total	Dependent	Neglected	Abused	Grand Total	Court For First Time
District 9												
Franklin	0	7	14	21	1	8	9	35	16	2	83	23
Granville	0	19	14	33	0	8	8	8	8	1	58	30
Person	0	36	25	61	0	4	4	5	18	6	94	24
Vance	1	70	43	114	0	11	11	10	20	2	157	63
Warren	0	0	3	3	0	3	3	6	13	5	30	14
District Totals	1	132	99	232	1	34	35	64	75	16	422	154
District 10												
Wake	0	117	165	282	1	31	32	44	28	22	408	202
District 11												
Harnett	0	51	99	150	3	18	21	3	62	6	242	106
Johnston	3	45	72	120	4	21	25	7	58	2	212	105
Lee	0	34	43	77	0	7	7	9	6	3	102	57
District Totals	3	130	214	347	7	46	53	19	126	11	556	268
District 12												
Cumberland	0	245	447	692	25	266	291	203	120	53	1,359	652
Hoke	0	23	25	48	0	9	9	33	12	1	103	48
District Totals	0	268	472	740	25	275	300	236	132	54	1,462	700
District 13												
Bladen	0	25	40	65	4	2	6	2	6	0	79	27
Brunswick	0	46	51	97	4	15	19	9	4	3	132	61
Columbus	0	52	48	100	6	8	14	10	53	5	182	97
District Totals	0	123	139	262	14	25	39	21	63	8	393	185
District 14												
Durham	0	102	361	463	1	17	18	63	177	4	725	152
District 15A												
Alamance	0	81	82	163	2	35	37	31	43	10	284	129
District 15B												
Chatham	2	5	36	43	2	1	3	10	0	4	60	40
Orange	0	32	109	141	6	9	15	11	20	5	192	142
District Totals	2	37	145	184	8	10	18	21	20	9	252	182
District 16												
Robeson	0	171	189	360	9	21	30	79	60	25	554	216
Scotland	0	33	63	96	2	2	4	8	30	1	139	74
District Totals	0	204	252	456	11	23	34	87	90	26	693	290
District 17A												
Caswell	0	8	5	13	1	0	1	2	7	2	25	20
Rockingham	1	90	102	193	0	11	11	4	21	8	237	86
District Totals	1	98	107	206	1	11	12	6	28	10	262	106
District 17B												
Stokes	0	20	52	72	3	11	14	3	3	1	93	37
Surry	0	48	65	113	15	3	18	10	21	3	165	86
District Totals	0	68	117	185	18	14	32	13	24	4	258	123
District 18												
Guilford	1	358	495	854	71	79	150	110	95	32	1,241	542

OFFENSES AND CONDITIONS ALLEGED IN JUVENILE PETITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	OFFENSES							CONDITIONS				
	Delinquent				Undisciplined							Children Before
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde-meanor	Total	Truancy	Other	Total	Dependent	Neglected	Abused	Grand Total	Court For First Time
District 19A												
Cabarrus	0	30	61	91	4	14	18	18	21	4	152	102
Rowan	0	83	205	288	87	50	137	164	48	9	646	121
District Totals	0	113	266	379	91	64	155	182	69	13	798	223
District 19B												
Montgomery	0	2	36	38	1	7	8	0	5	0	51	37
Randolph	2	119	147	268	7	55	62	31	18	7	386	171
District Totals	2	121	183	306	8	62	70	31	23	7	437	208
District 20												
Anson	0	31	32	63	1	1	2	0	4	0	69	29
Moore	0	54	83	137	5	3	8	10	85	18	258	84
Richmond	0	121	52	173	0	4	4	13	29	6	225	92
Stanly	1	84	59	144	2	0	2	7	27	5	185	61
Union	1	63	113	177	2	9	11	25	42	5	260	130
District Totals	2	353	339	694	10	17	27	55	187	34	997	396
District 21												
Forsyth	0	84	231	315	8	46	54	34	86	18	507	426
District 22												
Alexander	0	6	20	26	2	12	14	6	4	1	51	31
Davidson	0	84	90	174	0	49	49	80	82	10	395	163
Davie	0	10	11	21	8	3	11	1	4	0	37	26
Iredell	4	25	150	179	3	48	51	6	26	0	262	134
District Totals	4	125	271	400	13	112	125	93	116	11	745	354
District 23												
Alleghany	0	2	3	5	5	0	5	0	4	1	15	13
Ashe	0	8	30	38	6	3	9	1	22	3	73	65
Wilkes	1	33	128	162	39	17	56	39	60	4	321	104
Yadkin	0	45	83	128	7	2	9	18	39	5	199	52
District Totals	1	88	244	333	57	22	79	58	125	13	608	234
District 24												
Avery	0	73	0	73	3	13	16	1	5	1	96	40
Madison	2	3	2	7	0	5	5	4	17	8	41	26
Mitchell	0	12	9	21	0	2	2	5	16	0	44	20
Watauga	0	15	22	37	1	13	14	9	3	1	64	34
Yancey	0	0	4	4	0	3	3	1	5	0	13	9
District Totals	2	103	37	142	4	36	40	20	46	10	258	129
District 25												
Burke	0	131	77	208	13	36	49	19	22	0	298	120
Caldwell	0	18	63	81	28	58	86	22	21	2	212	106
Catawba	0	90	61	151	20	18	38	55	34	11	289	175
District Totals	0	239	201	440	61	112	173	96	77	13	799	401
District 26												
Mecklenburg	0	364	585	949	17	88	105	12	118	0	1,184	601
District 27A												
Gaston	0	154	342	496	0	28	28	49	27	4	604	295
District 27B												
Cleveland	0	60	116	176	3	7	10	15	39	10	250	123
Lincoln	0	4	42	46	1	11	12	7	15	3	83	43
District Totals	0	64	158	222	4	18	22	22	54	13	333	166

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	OFFENSES							CONDITIONS				
	Delinquent				Undisciplined			Dependent	Neglected	Abused	Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde-meanor	Total	Truancy	Other	Total					
District 28												
Buncombe	0	81	169	250	43	207	250	84	71	19	674	237
District 29												
Henderson	0	8	51	59	39	24	63	22	20	5	169	83
McDowell	0	22	53	75	18	9	27	8	20	2	132	75
Polk	0	2	3	5	0	2	2	0	0	0	7	6
Rutherford	0	56	47	103	27	21	48	48	51	9	259	97
Transylvania	0	2	17	19	7	1	8	6	16	3	52	24
District Totals	0	90	171	261	91	57	148	84	107	19	619	285
District 30												
Cherokee	0	6	8	14	1	0	1	2	17	6	40	33
Clay	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	4
Graham	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	1	3	0	10	7
Haywood	0	17	3	20	7	9	16	8	10	3	57	57
Jackson	0	10	6	16	1	3	4	1	6	1	28	28
Macon	0	1	11	12	1	8	9	0	2	0	23	23
Swain	0	0	5	5	0	2	2	4	2	0	13	13
District Totals	0	35	40	75	10	22	32	18	40	10	175	165
State Totals	20	4,761	7,879	12,660	627	1,693	2,320	1,903	2,527	490	19,900	8,980

ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS FOR JUVENILE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1981 — June 30, 1982

	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Abuse Hearings			Total
	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
District 1																
Camden	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	1	5	0	0	0	6
Chowan	27	7	34	0	2	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	3	0	3	41
Currituck	15	5	20	0	2	2	0	0	0	5	0	5	3	0	3	30
Dare	10	10	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	22
Gates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pasquotank	78	19	97	0	3	3	1	1	2	4	0	4	1	1	2	108
Perquimans	1	5	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	4	4	0	4	15
District Totals	131	46	177	0	8	8	3	1	4	17	4	21	11	1	12	222
District 2																
Beaufort	45	40	85	1	1	2	16	5	21	30	9	39	0	0	0	147
Hyde	19	5	24	0	1	1	1	0	1	3	1	4	0	3	3	33
Martin	22	17	39	8	5	13	5	8	13	12	12	24	1	0	1	90
Tyrrell	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	9
Washington	22	7	29	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	33
District Totals	110	74	184	10	7	17	22	13	35	48	24	72	1	3	4	312
District 3																
Carteret	48	31	79	5	6	11	14	2	16	1	1	2	2	0	2	110
Craven	108	60	168	4	2	6	44	20	64	46	22	68	16	3	19	325
Pamlico	7	3	10	2	3	5	8	0	8	4	1	5	1	0	1	29
Pitt	156	52	208	16	4	20	19	1	20	29	1	30	2	0	2	280
District Totals	319	146	465	27	15	42	85	23	108	80	25	105	21	3	24	744
District 4																
Duplin	41	7	48	5	2	7	3	0	3	4	0	4	0	0	0	62
Jones	0	4	4	1	1	2	0	3	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	10
Onslow	138	41	179	4	0	4	28	3	31	40	2	42	15	2	17	273
Sampson	42	30	72	1	3	4	15	10	25	37	10	47	0	1	1	149
District Totals	221	82	303	11	6	17	46	16	62	81	13	94	15	3	18	494
District 5																
New Hanover	732	42	774	70	5	75	10	0	10	11	2	13	6	0	6	878
Pender	20	0	20	5	0	5	1	0	1	9	6	15	1	0	1	42
District Totals	752	42	794	75	5	80	11	0	11	20	8	28	7	0	7	920
District 6																
Bertie	8	5	13	0	0	0	2	1	3	3	0	3	2	8	10	29
Halifax	115	48	163	0	18	18	7	14	21	9	5	14	8	2	10	226
Hertford	17	43	60	0	2	2	1	19	20	3	14	17	3	6	9	108
Northampton	13	15	28	0	5	5	1	2	3	9	5	14	1	0	1	51
District Totals	153	111	264	0	25	25	11	36	47	24	24	48	14	16	30	414

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	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
District 7																
Edgecombe	187	67	254	14	4	18	8	1	9	20	3	23	5	2	7	311
Nash	177	80	257	5	11	16	15	1	16	18	0	18	3	0	3	310
Wilson	113	14	127	3	6	9	13	1	14	21	1	22	7	0	7	179
District Totals	477	161	638	22	21	43	36	3	39	59	4	63	15	2	17	800
District 8																
Greene	7	20	27	0	2	2	1	0	1	4	1	5	0	0	0	35
Lenoir	92	32	124	11	8	19	7	1	8	30	20	50	1	0	1	202
Wayne	157	76	233	15	7	22	32	6	38	95	9	104	11	9	20	417
District Totals	256	128	384	26	17	43	40	7	47	129	30	159	12	9	21	654
District 9																
Franklin	16	2	18	3	1	4	7	0	7	21	17	38	0	0	0	67
Granville	14	4	18	4	0	4	6	0	6	1	2	3	0	0	0	31
Person	66	3	69	5	2	7	7	6	13	8	8	16	2	3	5	110
Vance	74	33	107	1	2	3	8	2	10	12	2	14	1	0	1	135
Warren	5	3	8	4	1	5	2	1	3	23	2	25	3	0	3	44
District Totals	175	45	220	17	6	23	30	9	39	65	31	96	6	3	9	387
District 10																
Wake	438	11	449	23	3	26	83	1	84	93	0	93	85	0	85	737
District 11																
Harnett	260	20	280	43	4	47	33	1	34	214	12	226	33	5	38	625
Johnston	57	141	198	13	34	47	2	18	20	28	165	193	1	9	10	468
Lee	62	5	67	8	3	11	8	4	12	7	4	11	0	3	3	104
District Totals	379	166	545	64	41	105	43	23	66	249	181	430	34	17	51	1,197
District 12																
Cumberland	347	368	715	210	118	328	165	42	207	94	31	125	37	7	44	1,419
Hoke	30	4	34	2	3	5	42	2	44	8	2	10	1	0	1	94
District Totals	377	372	749	212	121	333	207	44	251	102	33	135	38	7	45	1,513
District 13																
Bladen	38	14	52	6	2	8	0	1	1	1	7	8	0	0	0	69
Brunswick	106	13	119	5	13	18	3	6	9	3	0	3	3	3	6	155
Columbus	72	17	89	8	2	10	3	7	10	23	14	37	5	2	7	153
District Totals	216	44	260	19	17	36	6	14	20	27	21	48	8	5	13	377
District 14																
Durham	302	181	483	7	13	20	19	45	64	163	36	199	7	0	7	773

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	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
District 15A																
Alamance	96	30	126	37	9	46	45	0	45	47	1	48	8	1	9	274
District 15B																
Chatham	28	24	52	3	1	4	5	2	7	0	0	0	4	0	4	67
Orange	152	28	180	18	2	20	17	0	17	70	10	80	12	2	14	311
District Totals	180	52	232	21	3	24	22	2	24	70	10	80	16	2	18	378
District 16																
Robeson	299	41	340	2	3	5	52	3	55	46	5	51	19	2	21	472
Scotland	103	17	120	2	0	2	18	1	19	62	3	65	1	0	1	207
District Totals	402	58	460	4	3	7	70	4	74	108	8	116	20	2	22	679
District 17A																
Caswell	11	0	11	2	1	3	2	0	2	3	6	9	0	0	0	25
Rockingham	149	27	176	11	3	14	2	1	3	15	8	23	4	2	6	222
District Totals	160	27	187	13	4	17	4	1	5	18	14	32	4	2	6	247
District 17B																
Stokes	81	12	93	8	3	11	3	0	3	1	2	3	0	0	0	110
Surry	111	15	126	14	3	17	6	1	7	8	13	21	1	1	2	173
District Totals	192	27	219	22	6	28	9	1	10	9	15	24	1	1	2	283
District 18																
Guilford	472	148	620	75	35	110	82	31	113	79	35	114	19	14	33	990
District 19A																
Cabarrus	77	19	96	14	2	16	15	4	19	19	1	20	3	0	3	154
Rowan	248	49	297	66	14	80	159	32	191	76	18	94	17	5	22	684
District Totals	325	68	393	80	16	96	174	36	210	95	19	114	20	5	25	838
District 19B																
Montgomery	117	12	129	20	2	22	11	2	13	11	5	16	0	0	0	180
Randolph	507	173	680	64	36	100	50	9	59	27	4	31	12	1	13	883
District Totals	624	185	809	84	38	122	61	11	72	38	9	47	12	1	13	1,063
District 20																
Anson	41	16	57	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	1	5	0	0	0	63
Moore	105	32	137	2	6	8	4	6	10	63	22	85	9	9	18	258
Richmond	126	73	199	0	3	3	4	0	4	11	0	11	2	0	2	219
Stanly	114	4	118	0	0	0	5	0	5	15	5	20	2	0	2	145
Union	156	26	182	3	6	9	33	2	35	31	2	33	2	2	4	263
District Totals	542	151	693	6	15	21	46	8	54	124	30	154	15	11	26	948

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	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
District 21																
Forsyth	215	65	280	17	37	54	31	3	34	84	2	86	17	1	18	472
District 22																
Alexander	13	15	28	4	9	13	6	1	7	2	0	2	0	2	2	52
Davidson	166	27	193	21	16	37	61	19	80	72	12	84	10	3	13	407
Davie	28	11	39	12	3	15	4	1	5	9	5	14	0	0	0	73
Iredell	129	26	155	23	23	46	7	1	8	35	0	35	0	0	0	244
District Totals	336	79	415	60	51	111	78	22	100	118	17	135	10	5	15	776
District 23																
Alleghany	3	2	5	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	12
Ashe	25	21	46	16	10	26	12	1	13	44	17	61	2	0	2	148
Wilkes	147	15	162	42	2	44	43	2	45	64	2	66	2	2	4	321
Yadkin	88	26	114	3	6	9	9	7	16	23	18	41	4	2	6	186
District Totals	263	64	327	64	20	84	64	10	74	131	38	169	9	4	13	667
District 24																
Avery	125	16	141	14	11	25	1	2	3	9	6	15	6	2	8	192
Madison	17	15	32	8	4	12	9	1	10	53	6	59	8	1	9	122
Mitchell	8	9	17	4	4	8	8	2	10	17	0	17	0	0	0	52
Watauga	17	8	25	7	6	13	5	4	9	4	0	4	1	0	1	52
Yancey	23	6	29	20	3	23	22	5	27	25	8	33	0	0	0	112
District Totals	190	54	244	53	28	81	45	14	59	108	20	128	15	3	18	530
District 25																
Burke	169	37	206	75	23	98	57	2	59	277	17	294	0	0	0	657
Caldwell	138	51	189	138	41	179	59	5	64	75	8	83	9	2	11	526
Catawba	152	22	174	33	10	43	61	3	64	38	3	41	9	2	11	333
District Totals	459	110	569	246	74	320	177	10	187	390	28	418	18	4	22	1,516
District 26																
Mecklenburg	656	299	955	25	33	58	17	1	18	117	15	132	0	0	0	1,163
District 27A																
Gaston	312	92	404	22	7	29	46	3	49	25	2	27	4	0	4	513
District 27B																
Cleveland	99	66	165	7	3	10	13	2	15	20	9	29	10	1	11	230
Lincoln	37	10	47	8	2	10	4	0	4	16	2	18	3	0	3	82
District Totals	136	76	212	15	5	20	17	2	19	36	11	47	13	1	14	312
District 28																
Buncombe	109	73	182	70	117	187	48	5	53	42	3	45	10	1	11	478

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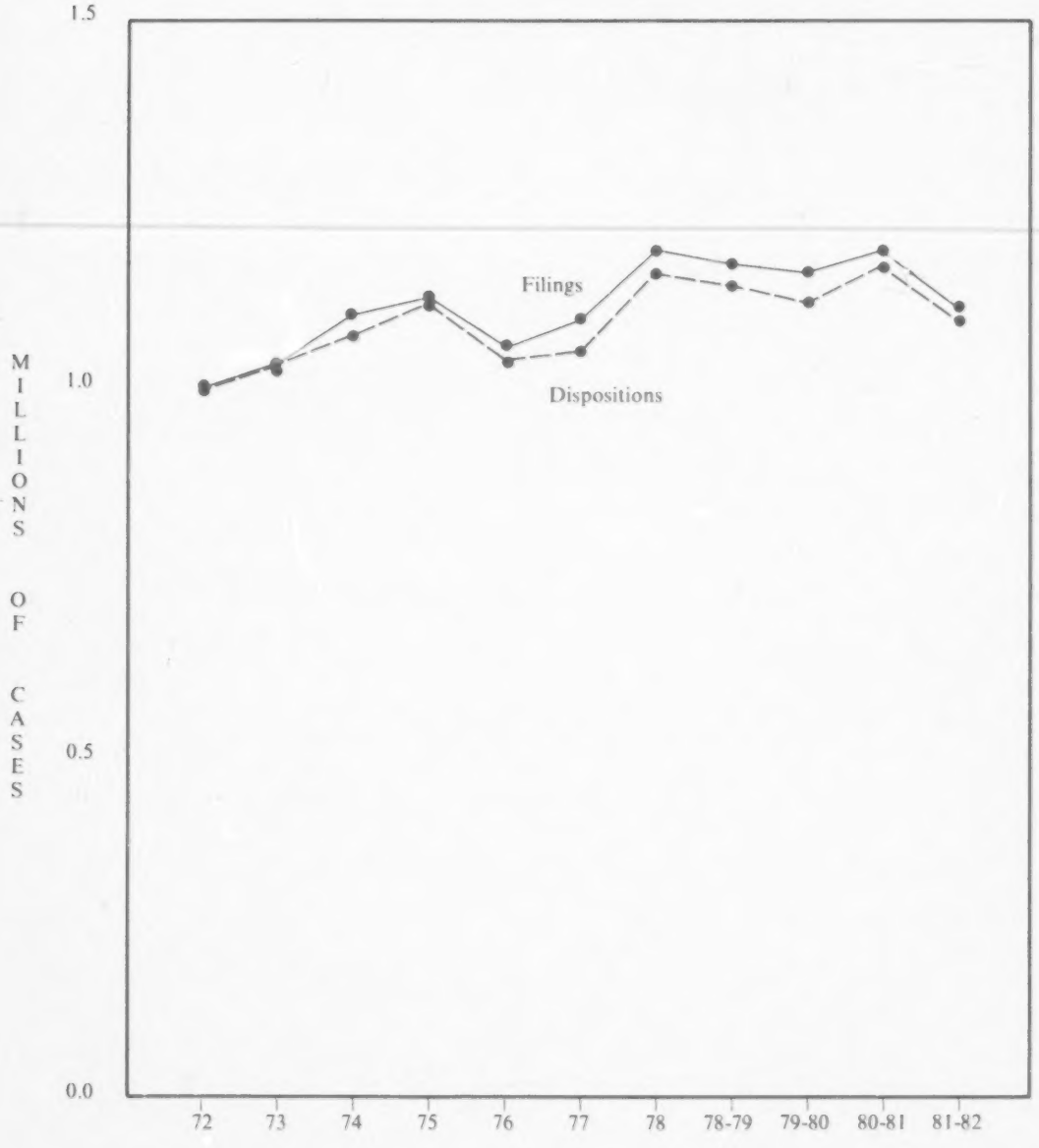
	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
District 29																
Henderson	77	71	148	36	52	88	15	13	28	32	34	66	2	3	5	335
McDowell	55	12	67	23	1	24	4	2	6	17	2	19	2	0	2	118
Polk	4	0	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Rutherford	41	8	49	35	4	39	28	1	29	38	4	42	5	0	5	164
Transylvania	14	7	21	3	2	5	1	2	3	6	8	14	3	4	7	50
District Totals	191	98	289	98	60	158	48	18	66	93	48	141	12	7	19	673
District 30																
Cherokee	14	0	14	1	0	1	2	0	2	15	2	17	6	0	6	40
Clay	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Graham	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	0	6
Haywood	27	12	39	13	18	31	6	10	16	9	5	14	0	0	0	100
Jackson	16	2	18	2	1	3	1	0	1	6	0	6	0	0	0	28
Macon	11	1	12	5	3	8	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	22
Swain	4	1	5	2	0	2	2	2	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	13
District Totals	72	20	92	23	22	45	12	14	26	35	9	44	6	0	6	213
State Totals	10,238	3,385	13,623	1,548	888	2,436	1,738	431	2,169	2,924	768	3,692	503	134	637	22,557

FILING AND DISPOSITION TRENDS OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

1972-1982



Motor vehicle cases dominate criminal filings and dispositions in the district courts. The decrease in filings and dispositions shown here during 1981-82 was a direct result of a 12.4% decrease in motor vehicle filings and a 12% decrease in motor vehicle dispositions. During the 1981-82 year, 61.8% of the criminal district court filings and 63.1% of the dispositions were traffic cases.

MOTOR VEHICLE CRIMINAL CASE FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	Total Filed	Dispositions		
		Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
District 1				
Camden	538	347	237	584
Chowan	1,047	684	311	995
Currituck	1,880	1,327	593	1,920
Dare	4,157	2,834	1,179	4,013
Gates	1,057	704	372	1,076
Pasquotank	2,153	1,317	955	2,272
Perquimans	977	678	272	950
District Totals	11,809	7,891	3,919	11,810
District 2				
Beaufort	4,683	2,885	1,894	4,779
Hyde	544	320	230	550
Martin	2,928	1,629	1,345	2,974
Tyrrell	475	229	247	476
Washington	1,176	822	407	1,229
District Totals	9,806	5,885	4,123	10,008
District 3				
Carteret	6,072	3,115	2,546	5,661
Craven	9,765	5,292	4,462	9,754
Pamlico	650	316	645	961
Pitt	7,535	4,284	3,419	7,703
District Totals	24,022	13,007	11,072	24,079
District 4				
Duplin	3,586	1,554	1,955	3,509
Jones	1,752	1,143	735	1,878
Onslow	10,999	4,708	6,497	11,205
Sampson	8,115	5,204	3,096	8,300
District Totals	24,452	12,609	12,283	24,892
District 5				
New Hanover	12,964	6,314	7,001	13,315
Pender	3,384	1,689	1,774	3,463
District Totals	16,348	8,003	8,775	16,778
District 6				
Bertie	2,173	1,496	702	2,198
Halifax	9,423	4,672	4,831	9,503
Hertford	2,936	1,932	1,094	3,026
Northampton	3,876	2,115	1,943	4,058
District Totals	18,408	10,215	8,570	18,785
District 7				
Edgecombe	4,475	2,918	1,473	4,391
Nash	8,581	5,716	3,013	8,729
Wilson	6,223	4,273	2,063	6,336
District Totals	19,279	12,907	6,549	19,456
District 8				
Greene	1,283	762	625	1,387
Lenoir	6,830	3,522	3,310	6,832
Wayne	9,488	5,115	3,937	9,052
District Totals	17,601	9,399	7,872	17,271
District 9				
Franklin	2,594	1,330	1,380	2,710
Granville	4,404	2,798	1,722	4,520
Person	2,311	1,033	1,257	2,290
Vance	4,214	2,340	1,639	3,979
Warren	2,473	1,678	1,022	2,700
District Totals	15,996	9,179	7,020	16,199

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	Total Filed	Dispositions		
		Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
District 10				
Wake	44,559	22,300	21,406	43,706
District 11				
Harnett	5,609	3,079	2,470	5,549
Johnston	7,282	3,705	3,686	7,391
Lee	3,166	1,958	1,319	3,277
District Totals	16,057	8,742	7,475	16,217
District 12				
Cumberland	30,875	17,518	14,388	31,906
Hoke	2,259	1,490	837	2,327
District Totals	33,134	19,008	15,225	34,233
District 13				
Bladen	4,134	2,378	2,516	4,894
Brunswick	4,534	2,520	1,888	4,408
Columbus	6,548	3,322	3,880	7,202
District Totals	15,216	8,220	8,284	16,504
District 14				
Durham	14,213	7,576	6,925	14,501
District 15A				
Alamance	12,700	7,464	5,348	12,812
District 15B				
Chatham	3,362	1,951	1,370	3,321
Orange	8,722	4,667	4,343	9,010
District Totals	12,084	6,618	5,713	12,331
District 16				
Robeson	12,287	6,055	6,938	12,993
Scotland	3,490	2,025	1,481	3,506
District Totals	15,777	8,080	8,419	16,499
District 17A				
Caswell	1,903	1,238	764	2,002
Rockingham	8,695	5,198	3,465	8,663
District Totals	10,598	6,436	4,229	10,665
District 17A				
Stokes	3,036	1,651	1,362	3,013
Surry	7,456	4,366	2,695	7,061
District Totals	10,492	6,017	4,057	10,074
District 18				
Guilford	33,425	16,543	14,255	30,798
High Point	13,051	7,486	5,065	12,551
District Totals	46,476	24,029	19,320	43,349
District 19A				
Cabarrus	12,658	8,090	4,477	12,567
Rowan	11,077	7,502	4,349	11,851
District Totals	23,735	15,592	8,826	24,418
District 19B				
Montgomery	4,333	2,854	1,487	4,341
Randolph	7,896	5,195	2,938	8,133
District Totals	12,229	8,049	4,425	12,474

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	Total Filed	Dispositions		
		Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
District 20				
Anson	3,300	2,009	1,326	3,335
Moore	6,210	2,921	2,995	5,916
Richmond	2,749	1,506	1,238	2,744
Stanly	5,112	2,802	2,233	5,035
Union	4,777	2,725	1,994	4,719
District Totals	22,148	11,963	9,786	21,749
District 21				
Forsyth	33,848	19,004	14,996	34,000
District 22				
Alexander	1,664	736	927	1,663
Davidson	12,736	7,956	5,271	13,227
Davie	2,702	2,019	1,005	3,024
Iredell	9,592	6,749	3,080	9,829
District Totals	26,694	17,460	10,283	27,743
District 23				
Alleghany	659	431	280	711
Ashe	2,041	1,191	673	1,864
Wilkes	5,588	3,256	2,431	5,687
Yadkin	3,321	2,132	1,211	3,343
District Totals	11,609	7,010	4,595	11,605
District 24				
Avery	1,640	844	1,085	1,929
Madison	1,008	640	444	1,084
Mitchell	787	437	332	769
Watauga	3,497	1,836	1,749	3,585
Yancey	1,021	505	472	977
District Totals	7,953	4,262	4,082	8,344
District 25				
Burke	10,437	6,638	3,418	10,056
Caldwell	5,450	2,716	2,920	5,636
Catawba	10,474	5,693	4,772	10,465
District Totals	26,361	15,047	11,110	26,157
District 26				
Mecklenburg	48,951	27,516	27,685	55,201
District 27A				
Gaston	15,618	8,276	7,409	15,685
District 27B				
Cleveland	6,416	3,702	2,920	6,622
Lincoln	3,651	1,722	1,851	3,573
District Totals	10,067	5,424	4,771	10,195
District 28				
Buncombe	16,558	10,364	6,117	16,481
District 29				
Henderson	6,978	4,665	2,301	6,966
McDowell	3,930	2,828	1,362	4,190
Polk	1,615	1,005	649	1,654
Rutherford	4,016	2,548	1,339	3,887
Transylvania	1,982	1,215	660	1,875
District Totals	18,521	12,261	6,311	18,572

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	Total Filed	Dispositions		
		Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
District 30				
Cherokee	2,242	1,345	865	2,210
Clay	469	258	203	461
Graham	286	242	162	404
Haywood	5,085	3,181	1,773	4,954
Jackson	2,057	1,073	972	2,045
Macon	2,722	1,809	983	2,792
Swain	1,067	573	584	1,157
District Totals	13,928	8,481	5,542	14,023
State Totals	677,247	384,294	302,522	686,816

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	Pending 7/1/81	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/82
District 1						
Camden	8	152	160	156	97.5	4
Chowan	58	837	895	849	94.8	46
Currituck	48	560	608	546	89.8	62
Dare	104	1,290	1,394	1,189	85.2	205
Gates	28	215	243	239	98.3	4
Pasquotank	124	1,821	1,945	1,815	93.3	130
Perquimans	33	332	365	353	96.7	12
District Totals	403	5,207	5,610	5,147	91.7	463
District 2						
Beaufort	192	2,666	2,858	2,756	96.4	102
Hyde	12	389	401	382	95.2	19
Martin	128	1,650	1,778	1,639	92.1	139
Tyrrell	29	275	304	269	88.4	35
Washington	17	942	959	932	97.1	27
District Totals	378	5,922	6,300	5,978	94.8	322
District 3						
Carteret	596	4,444	5,040	4,057	80.4	983
Craven	573	5,087	5,660	5,062	89.4	598
Pamlico	46	469	515	452	87.7	63
Pitt	752	7,992	8,744	7,997	91.4	747
District Totals	1,967	17,992	19,959	17,568	88.0	2,391
District 4						
Duplin	191	2,424	2,615	2,044	78.1	571
Jones	28	518	546	460	84.2	86
Onslow	916	8,416	9,332	8,717	93.4	615
Sampson	435	3,311	3,746	3,377	90.1	369
District Totals	1,570	14,669	16,239	14,598	89.8	1,641
District 5						
New Hanover	1,257	11,704	12,961	11,919	91.9	1,042
Pender	150	1,120	1,270	1,081	85.1	189
District Totals	1,407	12,824	14,231	13,000	91.3	1,231
District 6						
Bertie	54	833	887	819	92.3	68
Halifax	366	4,064	4,430	4,033	91.0	397
Hertford	150	1,881	2,031	1,818	89.5	213
Northampton	67	1,100	1,167	997	85.4	170
District Totals	637	7,878	8,515	7,667	90.0	848
District 7						
Edgecombe	540	4,788	5,328	4,706	88.3	622
Nash	779	5,891	6,670	5,767	86.4	903
Wilson	770	5,154	5,924	4,951	83.5	973
District Totals	2,089	15,833	17,922	15,424	86.0	2,498
District 8						
Greene	97	796	893	847	94.8	46
Lenoir	594	5,460	6,054	5,497	90.7	557
Wayne	846	6,613	7,459	6,490	87.0	969
District Totals	1,537	12,869	14,406	12,834	89.0	1,572
District 9						
Franklin	238	1,689	1,927	1,706	88.5	221
Granville	174	2,004	2,178	2,024	92.9	154
Person	187	1,769	1,956	1,722	88.0	234
Vance	226	2,957	3,183	2,847	89.4	336
Warren	161	674	835	753	90.1	82
District Totals	986	9,093	10,079	9,052	89.8	1,027

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District 10						
Wake	4,209	28,824	33,033	27,016	81.7	6,017
District 11						
Harnett	346	3,983	4,329	3,601	83.1	728
Johnston	785	4,781	5,566	4,570	82.1	996
Lee	391	4,283	4,674	4,336	92.7	338
District Totals	1,522	13,047	14,569	12,507	85.8	2,062
District 12						
Cumberland	3,514	24,604	28,118	24,110	85.7	4,008
Hoke	148	1,690	1,838	1,631	88.7	207
District Totals	3,662	26,294	29,956	25,741	85.9	4,215
District 13						
Bladen	351	2,785	3,136	2,713	86.5	423
Brunswick	250	2,437	2,687	2,217	82.5	470
Columbus	422	4,271	4,693	4,172	88.8	521
District Totals	1,023	9,493	10,516	9,102	86.5	1,414
District 14						
Durham	2,350	13,753	16,103	12,984	80.6	3,119
District 15A						
Alamance	699	6,475	7,174	6,273	87.4	901
District 15B						
Chatham	130	1,262	1,392	1,268	91.0	124
Orange	447	4,469	4,916	4,073	82.8	843
District Totals	577	5,731	6,308	5,341	84.6	967
District 16						
Robeson	1,183	9,342	10,525	9,335	88.6	1,190
Scotland	392	3,597	3,989	3,549	88.9	440
District Totals	1,575	12,939	14,514	12,884	88.7	1,630
District 17A						
Caswell	96	999	1,095	1,032	94.2	63
Rockingham	628	5,673	6,301	5,520	87.6	781
District Totals	724	6,672	7,396	6,552	88.5	844
District 17B						
Stokes	95	938	1,033	939	90.9	94
Surry	457	3,245	3,702	3,290	88.8	412
District Totals	552	4,183	4,735	4,229	89.3	506
District 18						
Guilford	5,367	26,666	32,033	23,810	74.3	8,223
District 19A						
Cabarrus	508	4,846	5,354	4,690	87.6	664
Rowan	753	3,864	4,617	3,702	80.1	915
District Totals	1,261	8,710	9,971	8,392	84.1	1,579
District 19B						
Montgomery	269	2,337	2,606	2,243	86.0	363
Randolph	381	4,242	4,623	4,037	87.3	586
District Totals	650	6,579	7,229	6,280	86.8	949

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District 20						
Anson	162	1,601	1,763	1,597	90.5	166
Moore	367	3,952	4,319	3,911	90.5	408
Richmond	382	3,385	3,767	3,231	85.7	536
Stanly	402	2,347	2,749	2,352	85.5	397
Union	346	4,111	4,457	4,106	92.1	351
District Totals	1,659	15,396	17,055	15,197	89.1	1,858
District 21						
Forsyth	3,270	16,081	19,351	15,221	78.6	4,130
District 22						
Alexander	174	1,327	1,501	1,290	85.9	211
Davidson	732	6,865	7,597	6,680	87.9	917
Davie	65	898	963	852	88.4	111
Iredell	671	6,098	6,769	5,841	86.2	928
District Totals	1,642	15,188	16,830	14,663	87.1	2,167
District 23						
Alleghany	16	412	428	394	92.0	34
Ashe	53	820	873	785	89.9	88
Wilkes	310	3,281	3,591	3,250	90.5	341
Yadkin	103	1,217	1,320	1,217	92.1	103
District Totals	482	5,730	6,212	5,646	90.8	566
District 24						
Avery	269	474	743	93	12.5	650
Madison	86	391	477	395	82.8	82
Mitchell	103	359	462	298	64.5	164
Watauga	225	880	1,105	823	74.4	282
Yancey	92	477	569	437	76.8	132
District Totals	775	2,581	3,356	2,046	60.9	1,310
District 25						
Burke	288	3,663	3,951	3,565	90.2	386
Caldwell	597	4,133	4,730	3,723	78.7	1,007
Catawba	592	6,364	6,956	6,311	90.7	645
District Totals	1,477	14,160	15,637	13,599	86.9	2,038
District 26						
Mecklenburg	6,061	29,946	36,007	26,750	74.2	9,257
District 27A						
Gaston	1,559	13,528	15,087	12,588	83.4	2,499
District 27B						
Cleveland	400	4,034	4,434	4,100	92.4	334
Lincoln	234	2,239	2,473	2,260	91.3	213
District Totals	634	6,273	6,907	6,360	92.0	547
District 28						
Buncombe	1,074	12,131	13,205	12,094	91.5	1,111
District 29						
Henderson	487	3,342	3,829	3,294	86.0	535
McDowell	223	1,327	1,550	1,336	86.1	214
Polk	113	544	657	585	89.0	72
Rutherford	377	3,309	3,686	3,179	86.2	507
Transylvania	122	919	1,041	899	86.3	142
District Totals	1,322	9,441	10,763	9,293	86.3	1,470

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District 30	Pending 7/1/81	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/82
Cherokee	114	619	733	550	75.0	183
Clay	4	213	217	196	90.3	21
Graham	82	313	395	331	83.7	64
Haywood	677	2,527	3,204	2,399	74.8	805
Jackson	216	893	1,109	776	69.9	333
Macon	378	965	1,343	927	69.0	416
Swain	77	538	615	500	81.3	115
District Totals	1,548	6,068	7,616	5,679	74.5	1,937
State Totals	56,648	418,176	474,824	401,515	84.5	73,309

METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF DISTRICT COURT CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES

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Guilty pleas continue to represent the largest method of disposition of non-motor vehicle cases in the district courts. The waivers depicted here are worthless check cases; dismissals include speedy trial and prosecutor dismissals (both with and without leave).

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District 1	Total Disposed	Magis-trate	Clerk	Judge	Magis-trate	Judge	Magis-trate	Prelim. Hearing	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	% Disposed By Waiver
Camden	156	0	0	29	16	25	0	23	22	0	41	.0
Chowan	849	59	25	275	44	132	0	66	101	0	147	9.8
Currituck	546	15	13	121	88	131	0	57	103	0	18	5.1
Dare	1,189	39	108	376	151	141	0	82	218	0	74	12.3
Gates	239	20	9	55	25	46	0	39	22	0	23	12.1
Pasquotank	1,815	50	103	659	83	471	0	192	184	1	72	8.4
Perquimans	353	10	0	87	24	59	0	60	55	0	58	2.8
District Totals	5,147	193	258	1,602	431	1,005	0	519	705	1	433	8.7
District 2												
Beaufort	2,756	523	71	924	141	442	0	234	169	0	252	21.5
Hyde	382	4	18	74	75	83	1	26	39	0	62	5.7
Martin	1,639	164	31	652	37	337	1	154	96	2	165	11.8
Tyrrell	269	14	12	63	7	56	2	27	25	0	63	9.6
Washington	932	118	80	218	62	217	0	131	65	0	41	21.2
District Totals	5,978	823	212	1,931	322	1,135	4	572	394	2	583	17.3
District 3												
Carteret	4,057	217	205	1,185	675	260	0	303	1,056	0	156	10.4
Craven	5,062	756	183	1,582	231	383	1	220	1,325	0	381	18.5
Pamlico	452	30	20	155	56	26	0	36	110	0	19	11.0
Pitt	7,997	1,255	979	2,617	187	825	0	567	1,243	0	324	27.9
District Totals	17,568	2,258	1,387	5,539	1,149	1,494	1	1,126	3,734	0	880	20.7
District 4												
Duplin	2,044	232	240	642	0	44	0	38	257	0	591	23.0
Jones	460	28	20	168	45	28	0	19	128	0	24	10.4
Onslow	8,717	1,059	491	3,272	297	549	0	45	1,468	0	1,536	17.7
Sampson	3,377	600	319	1,303	10	111	2	0	455	0	577	27.2
District Totals	14,598	1,919	1,070	5,385	352	732	2	102	2,308	0	2,728	20.4
District 5												
New Hanover	11,919	1,318	494	4,338	177	1,763	1	1,347	2,088	0	393	15.2
Pender	1,081	6	16	368	190	120	3	152	181	0	45	2.0
District Totals	13,000	1,324	510	4,706	367	1,883	4	1,499	2,269	0	438	14.1
District 6												
Bertie	819	25	57	214	55	219	1	72	118	0	58	10.0
Halifax	4,033	349	99	1,169	335	591	1	301	904	0	284	11.1
Hertford	1,818	307	92	467	61	226	5	83	304	0	273	21.9
Northampton	997	53	73	199	190	193	1	61	148	0	79	12.6
District Totals	7,667	734	321	2,049	641	1,229	8	517	1,474	0	694	13.7
District 7												
Edgecombe	4,706	627	320	1,658	292	570	0	146	891	0	202	20.1
Nash	5,767	1,206	438	1,795	121	563	0	342	1,002	0	300	28.5
Wilson	4,951	528	235	2,003	202	579	0	375	924	0	105	15.4
District Totals	15,424	2,361	993	5,456	615	1,712	0	863	2,817	0	607	21.7
District 8												
Greene	847	86	1	265	41	94	0	53	238	0	69	10.2
Lenoir	5,497	394	0	1,962	453	208	0	258	1,677	0	545	7.1
Wayne	6,490	441	764	1,657	96	537	0	132	2,009	0	854	18.5
District Totals	12,834	921	765	3,884	590	839	0	443	3,924	0	1,468	13.1

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District 9	Total Disposed	Magistrate	Clerk	Judge	Magistrate	Judge	Magistrate	Prelim. Hearing	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	% Disposed By Waiver
Franklin	1,706	357	71	463	50	322	0	120	251	0	72	25.0
Granville	2,024	262	131	653	112	339	1	164	293	0	69	19.4
Person	1,722	152	24	574	90	332	0	110	297	0	143	10.2
Vance	2,847	456	233	798	21	434	0	118	460	0	327	24.2
Warren	753	111	26	185	95	111	0	35	169	0	21	18.1
District Totals	9,052	1,338	485	2,673	368	1,538	1	547	1,470	0	632	20.1
District 10												
Wake	27,016	275	5,821	8,753	1,575	1,965	0	2,286	5,378	0	963	22.5
District 11												
Harnett	3,601	426	390	1,142	122	354	0	175	548	0	444	22.6
Johnston	4,570	529	629	1,343	135	596	0	304	648	0	387	25.3
Lee	4,336	1,121	90	1,463	39	443	0	183	592	0	405	27.9
District Totals	12,507	2,076	1,108	3,948	296	1,393	0	662	1,788	0	1,236	25.4
District 12												
Cumberland	24,110	253	4,423	5,432	245	1,325	0	38	6,058	0	6,336	19.3
Hoke	1,631	58	298	545	17	246	0	45	307	0	115	21.8
District Totals	25,741	311	4,721	5,977	262	1,571	0	83	6,365	0	6,451	19.5
District 13												
Bladen	2,713	163	267	899	211	208	1	114	753	0	97	15.8
Brunswick	2,217	193	32	738	252	217	0	132	609	0	44	10.1
Columbus	4,172	384	845	1,329	93	361	0	169	821	0	170	29.4
District Totals	9,102	740	1,144	2,966	556	786	1	415	2,183	0	311	20.6
District 14												
Durham	12,984	827	1,112	5,693	1	734	0	657	2,980	0	980	14.9
District 15A												
Alamance	6,273	510	61	2,496	218	937	0	596	1,250	0	205	9.1
District 15B												
Chatham	1,268	72	89	453	161	103	0	136	190	0	64	12.6
Orange	4,073	634	13	1,336	166	292	1	272	1,268	0	91	15.8
District Totals	5,341	706	102	1,789	327	395	1	408	1,458	0	155	15.1
District 16												
Robeson	9,335	1,438	123	4,095	84	889	0	823	523	2	1,358	16.7
Scotland	3,549	378	45	1,505	156	380	0	181	275	0	629	11.9
District Totals	12,884	1,816	168	5,600	240	1,269	0	1,004	798	2	1,987	15.3
District 17A												
Caswell	1,032	46	6	275	70	283	1	75	199	0	77	5.0
Rockingham	5,520	618	96	1,668	283	947	0	222	759	0	927	12.9
District Totals	6,552	664	102	1,943	353	1,230	1	297	958	0	1,004	11.6
District 17B												
Stokes	939	71	44	147	55	188	0	102	205	0	127	12.2
Surry	3,290	298	5	833	157	327	0	627	684	0	359	9.2
District Totals	4,229	369	49	980	212	515	0	729	889	0	486	9.8
District 18												
Guilford	23,810	357	723	9,732	1,045	2,978	0	806	6,404	1	1,764	4.5

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District 19A												
Cabarrus	4,690	409	233	1,538	342	900	1	490	638	0	138	13.6
Rowan	3,702	160	121	1,211	157	897	1	457	558	0	140	7.5
District Totals	8,392	569	354	2,749	499	1,797	2	947	1,196	0	279	10.9
District 19B												
Montgomery	2,243	307	0	413	477	281	0	170	564	0	31	13.6
Randolph	4,037	801	0	1,336	74	504	0	416	823	0	83	19.8
District Totals	6,280	1,108	0	1,749	551	785	0	586	1,387	0	114	17.6
District 20												
Anson	1,597	175	4	479	78	352	0	146	337	0	26	11.2
Moore	3,911	591	325	989	48	412	0	444	636	0	466	23.4
Richmond	3,231	315	72	822	76	657	1	559	633	0	96	11.9
Stanly	2,352	371	33	863	150	88	0	283	424	0	140	17.1
Union	4,106	714	16	1,074	68	898	0	586	641	0	109	17.7
District Totals	15,197	2,166	450	4,227	420	2,407	1	2,018	2,671	0	837	17.2
District 21												
Forsyth	15,221	5	2,120	4,497	56	3,453	0	1,305	2,401	0	1,384	13.9
District 22												
Alexander	1,290	52	23	280	207	159	2	123	395	0	49	5.8
Davidson	6,680	351	185	1,870	440	928	0	162	1,763	1	980	8.0
Davie	852	41	21	228	0	143	0	67	223	0	129	7.2
Iredell	5,841	591	5	1,988	263	682	0	462	1,711	0	139	10.2
District Totals	14,663	1,035	234	4,366	910	1,912	2	814	4,092	1	1,297	8.6
District 23												
Alleghany	394	53	10	119	22	46	0	28	96	0	20	15.9
Ashe	785	30	76	213	38	181	0	84	23	0	140	13.5
Wilkes	3,250	282	103	947	74	818	0	250	468	0	308	11.8
Yadkin	1,217	103	27	344	73	205	0	108	169	0	188	10.6
District Totals	5,646	468	216	1,623	207	1,250	0	470	756	0	656	12.1
District 24												
Avery	93	75	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	0	9	81.7
Madison	395	4	1	54	31	67	2	5	155	0	76	1.2
Mitchell	298	16	5	80	5	53	0	21	74	0	44	7.0
Watauga	823	52	34	175	23	99	17	31	236	0	156	10.4
Yancey	437	15	0	96	80	90	0	39	99	0	18	3.4
District Totals	2,046	162	41	407	140	310	21	97	565	0	303	9.9
District 25												
Burke	3,565	277	184	977	121	283	0	418	1,032	0	273	12.9
Caldwell	3,723	253	0	1,107	267	245	0	137	1,297	1	416	6.7
Catawba	6,311	584	150	2,131	223	556	0	524	1,434	0	709	11.6
District Totals	13,599	1,114	334	4,215	611	1,084	0	1,079	3,763	1	1,398	10.6
District 26												
Mecklenburg	26,750	1,485	3	7,151	3,258	2,392	0	2,309	8,895	0	1,257	5.5
District 27A												
Gaston	12,588	908	0	4,000	458	1,395	0	137	3,603	0	2,087	7.2
District 27B												
Cleveland	4,100	373	13	1,424	104	266	0	394	1,123	0	398	9.5
Lincoln	2,260	177	100	689	177	250	0	160	508	0	199	12.2
District Totals	6,360	555	113	2,113	281	516	0	554	1,631	0	597	10.5

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District 28												
Buncombe	12,094	1,434	595	5,301	93	665	1	1,214	590	0	2,201	16.7
District 29												
Henderson	3,294	0	9	962	514	116	0	258	762	0	673	.2
McDowell	1,336	127	9	384	214	160	0	161	230	0	51	10.1
Polk	585	9	10	170	4	25	0	34	145	0	188	3.2
Rutherford	3,179	177	0	1,026	460	437	0	217	518	0	344	5.5
Transylvania	899	48	28	288	163	46	0	89	198	0	39	8.4
District Totals	9,293	361	56	2,830	1,355	784	0	759	1,853	0	1,295	4.4
District 30												
Cherokee	550	5	32	138	8	20	1	25	248	0	73	6.7
Clay	196	3	10	34	28	19	0	27	35	0	40	6.6
Graham	331	1	5	49	132	17	0	18	77	0	32	1.8
Haywood	2,399	192	25	783	78	149	1	256	883	0	32	9.0
Jackson	776	7	27	162	44	20	0	1	248	0	267	4.3
Macon	927	39	5	199	157	40	0	71	264	0	152	4.7
Swain	500	42	6	120	91	52	0	25	123	0	41	9.6
District Totals	5,679	289	110	1,485	538	317	2	423	1,878	0	637	7.0
State Totals	401,515	32,181	25,738	129,815	19,297	44,407	52	26,843	84,827	8	38,347	14.4

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District 1																
Camden	4	29.0	22.0	3	1	0	0	0	156	32.0	21.0	134	15	6	1	0
Chowan	46	44.5	21.0	37	5	1	2	1	849	33.4	15.0	797	23	7	6	16
Currituck	62	40.2	28.0	45	14	3	0	0	546	24.0	17.0	515	24	2	5	0
Dare	205	88.7	23.0	142	13	6	39	5	1,189	28.2	16.0	1,058	96	21	10	4
Gates	4	47.8	51.0	2	2	0	0	0	239	30.7	21.0	213	17	5	4	0
Pasquotank	130	52.2	14.0	115	5	4	2	4	1,815	23.8	17.0	1,730	60	6	13	6
Perquimans	12	56.9	12.0	10	1	0	0	1	353	41.0	16.0	332	9	1	5	6
District Totals	463	65.9	21.0	354	41	14	43	11	5,147	28.2	16.0	4,779	244	48	44	32
District 2																
Beaufort	102	111.1	29.0	61	7	15	14	5	2,756	42.9	7.0	2,573	59	14	33	77
Hyde	19	25.4	15.0	17	1	1	0	0	382	20.9	11.5	351	24	3	3	1
Martin	139	171.1	63.0	69	28	4	23	15	1,639	19.3	10.0	1,545	64	16	13	1
Tyrrell	35	64.2	33.0	18	17	0	0	0	269	23.1	18.0	258	7	4	0	0
Washington	27	46.9	9.0	21	4	0	1	1	932	17.8	9.0	890	23	3	16	0
District Totals	322	121.5	41.0	186	57	20	38	21	5,978	30.2	8.0	5,617	177	40	65	79
District 3																
Carteret	983	132.0	47.0	550	123	58	145	107	4,057	37.9	19.0	3,429	418	95	67	48
Craven	598	106.9	36.0	368	125	34	30	41	5,062	42.6	18.0	4,304	490	138	81	49
Pamlico	63	104.9	50.0	33	14	1	11	4	452	25.0	11.0	416	25	2	8	1
Pitt	747	125.7	37.0	494	94	27	73	59	7,997	32.5	20.0	7,044	630	194	103	26
District Totals	2,391	123.0	41.0	1,445	356	120	259	211	17,568	36.5	19.0	15,193	1,563	429	259	124
District 4																
Duplin	571	116.9	75.0	253	99	76	135	8	2,044	30.8	16.0	1,772	193	39	35	5
Jones	86	61.8	28.0	57	11	12	6	0	460	35.5	24.0	382	58	19	0	1
Onslow	615	45.7	23.0	495	64	25	27	4	8,717	33.5	22.0	7,347	1,038	221	105	6
Sampson	369	58.9	23.0	276	40	34	10	9	3,377	44.3	30.0	2,569	568	184	52	4
District Totals	1,641	74.3	29.0	1,081	214	147	178	21	14,598	35.7	23.0	12,070	1,857	463	192	16
District 5																
New Hanover	1,042	87.9	33.0	697	125	69	90	61	11,919	33.2	16.0	10,553	776	237	263	90
Pender	189	373.7	163.0	63	27	9	25	65	1,081	34.9	13.0	986	53	10	24	8
District Totals	1,231	131.8	37.0	760	152	78	115	126	13,000	33.3	16.0	11,539	829	247	287	98
District 6																
Bertie	68	16.0	11.0	67	1	0	0	0	819	20.5	10.0	760	45	6	8	0
Halifax	397	54.0	29.0	276	71	36	11	3	4,033	33.3	21.0	3,379	497	91	65	1
Hertford	213	134.4	62.0	105	51	18	17	22	1,818	27.9	14.0	1,600	165	24	16	13
Northampton	170	117.4	71.0	81	23	27	26	13	997	20.8	10.0	923	61	7	6	0
District Totals	848	83.9	35.5	529	146	81	54	38	7,667	29.0	16.0	6,662	768	128	95	14

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District 7																
Edgecombe	622	71.3	36.0	411	102	44	48	17	4,706	45.1	21.5	3,616	703	200	149	38
Nash	903	191.7	71.0	415	176	93	88	131	5,767	41.1	20.0	4,562	731	262	193	19
Wilson	973	138.9	76.0	434	186	139	138	76	4,951	51.4	26.0	3,618	750	337	216	30
District Totals	2,498	141.2	58.0	1,260	464	276	274	224	15,424	45.6	21.0	11,796	2,184	799	558	87
District 8																
Greene	46	79.5	56.0	24	13	2	6	1	847	28.6	16.0	747	81	10	8	1
Lenoir	557	52.9	36.0	405	96	29	23	4	5,497	41.5	24.0	4,346	787	211	140	13
Wayne	969	70.8	43.0	583	186	130	60	10	6,490	49.9	32.0	4,671	1,281	292	222	24
District Totals	1,572	64.7	41.0	1,012	295	161	89	15	12,834	44.9	28.0	9,764	2,149	513	370	38
District 9																
Franklin	221	401.7	37.0	126	14	5	4	72	1,706	34.1	14.0	1,516	108	29	30	23
Granville	154	92.4	25.0	118	11	5	12	8	2,024	38.4	14.0	1,728	222	47	12	15
Person	234	91.2	27.0	150	31	11	29	13	1,722	30.2	15.0	1,493	163	51	9	6
Vance	336	64.6	27.0	238	53	16	24	5	2,847	34.7	15.0	2,489	206	72	40	40
Warren	82	229.6	63.0	40	10	8	9	15	753	86.0	15.0	613	56	30	17	37
District Totals	1,027	160.5	29.0	672	119	45	78	113	9,052	38.8	15.0	7,839	755	229	108	121
District 10																
Wake	6,017	132.7	72.0	2,720	1,197	646	893	561	27,016	49.5	27.0	20,166	4,227	1,255	1,242	126
District 11																
Harnett	728	125.0	100.0	277	235	44	133	39	3,601	37.2	17.0	3,049	305	96	138	13
Johnston	996	290.2	190.0	360	83	50	144	359	4,570	33.1	18.0	3,946	399	126	91	8
Lee	338	172.0	35.0	189	44	19	27	59	4,336	28.5	15.0	3,778	390	103	59	6
District Totals	2,062	212.5	100.0	826	362	113	304	457	12,507	32.7	17.0	10,773	1,094	325	288	27
District 12																
Cumberland	4,008	77.5	47.0	2,350	845	437	322	54	24,110	53.0	30.0	16,939	3,972	1,863	1,225	111
Hoke	207	44.8	22.0	160	25	17	5	0	1,631	38.1	23.0	1,309	234	43	40	5
District Totals	4,215	75.9	47.0	2,510	870	454	327	54	25,741	52.1	29.0	18,248	4,206	1,906	1,265	116
District 13																
Bladen	423	126.9	86.0	178	47	24	164	10	2,713	44.6	24.0	2,226	324	87	32	44
Brunswick	470	123.7	50.0	248	78	35	65	44	2,217	43.2	29.0	1,752	317	89	52	7
Columbus	521	150.2	63.0	240	76	74	57	74	4,172	33.2	21.0	3,594	441	95	33	9
District Totals	1,414	134.4	65.0	666	201	133	286	128	9,102	39.0	23.0	7,572	1,082	271	117	60
District 14																
Durham	3,119	196.4	68.0	1,467	457	220	304	671	12,984	46.0	23.5	9,838	1,997	716	368	65

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District 15A																
Alamance	901	160.7	36.0	514	85	60	86	156	6,273	27.6	18.0	5,736	410	40	73	14
District 15B																
Chatham	124	38.6	23.0	95	23	1	5	0	1,268	35.0	21.0	1,054	171	20	17	6
Orange	843	113.6	55.0	460	105	57	188	33	4,073	40.1	24.0	3,315	514	136	92	16
District Totals	967	104.0	50.0	555	128	58	193	33	5,341	38.9	23.0	4,369	685	156	109	22
District 16																
Robeson	1,190	65.3	36.0	784	177	133	89	7	9,335	45.2	24.0	7,127	1,469	516	188	35
Scotland	440	130.1	43.0	249	47	55	45	44	3,549	34.0	17.0	3,203	230	38	43	35
District Totals	1,630	82.8	36.0	1,033	224	188	134	51	12,884	42.1	21.0	10,330	1,699	554	231	70
District 17A																
Caswell	63	99.5	23.0	52	1	1	5	4	1,032	30.4	16.0	882	114	21	13	2
Rockingham	781	153.6	29.0	517	61	21	60	122	5,520	35.1	19.0	4,846	501	84	40	49
District Totals	844	149.6	29.0	569	62	22	65	126	6,552	34.4	19.0	5,728	615	105	53	51
District 17B																
Stokes	94	74.9	26.0	64	18	5	3	4	939	40.1	24.0	749	139	28	19	4
Surry	412	78.6	34.0	318	42	10	17	25	3,290	44.0	28.0	2,615	484	144	25	22
District Totals	506	77.9	29.0	382	60	15	20	29	4,229	43.1	27.0	3,364	623	172	44	26
District 18																
Guilford	8,223	206.5	93.0	3,345	1,262	654	1,293	1,669	23,810	58.9	33.0	17,172	4,192	1,002	862	582
District 19A																
Cabarrus	664	138.0	37.0	386	60	38	73	107	4,690	30.6	21.0	4,211	381	40	50	8
Rowan	915	343.5	282.0	285	53	53	140	384	3,702	38.2	21.0	3,172	351	67	82	30
District Totals	1,579	257.1	125.0	671	113	91	213	491	8,392	34.0	21.0	7,383	732	107	132	38
District 19B																
Montgomery	363	108.3	55.0	192	73	56	19	23	2,243	35.7	18.0	1,932	195	52	43	21
Randolph	586	47.8	22.0	442	111	13	12	8	4,037	38.1	27.0	3,386	495	91	57	8
District Totals	949	70.9	29.0	634	184	69	31	31	6,280	37.2	24.0	5,318	690	143	100	29
District 20																
Anson	166	56.7	20.0	138	10	9	7	2	1,597	34.5	22.0	1,354	203	18	15	7
Moore	408	131.3	33.0	280	19	22	31	56	3,911	24.3	14.0	3,650	183	39	28	11
Richmond	536	198.4	63.5	267	26	24	81	138	3,231	38.5	14.0	2,986	143	22	17	63
Stanly	397	206.5	121.0	153	44	21	92	87	2,352	41.4	15.0	2,048	132	28	87	57
Union	351	184.9	28.0	230	41	9	16	55	4,106	25.9	14.0	3,834	202	26	25	19
District Totals	1,858	170.2	37.0	1,068	140	85	227	338	15,197	31.5	15.0	13,872	863	133	172	157

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District 21																
Forsyth	4,130	452.7	340.5	1,143	253	218	504	2,012	15,221	34.3	18.0	13,874	780	202	198	167
District 22																
Alexander	211	87.3	23.0	136	37	11	11	16	1,290	33.0	19.0	1,092	158	25	7	8
Davidson	917	73.8	26.0	644	127	65	49	32	6,680	36.5	20.0	5,596	763	173	118	30
Davie	111	103.5	29.0	82	20	1	4	4	852	40.4	21.0	677	140	20	10	5
Iredell	928	88.8	37.0	538	202	59	102	27	5,841	37.0	27.0	4,969	646	120	87	19
District Totals	2,167	83.1	29.0	1,400	386	136	166	79	14,663	36.6	23.0	12,334	1,707	338	222	62
District 23																
Alleghany	34	43.5	23.0	24	6	4	0	0	394	23.6	14.0	353	34	6	1	0
Ashe	88	65.2	23.0	66	5	3	12	2	785	37.6	17.0	714	37	8	8	18
Wilkes	341	237.4	63.0	165	27	12	36	101	3,250	31.2	14.0	2,938	217	28	19	48
Yadkin	103	114.7	69.0	51	24	12	3	13	1,217	34.6	14.0	1,029	143	20	15	10
District Totals	566	176.7	48.0	306	62	31	51	116	5,646	32.3	14.0	5,034	431	62	43	76
District 24																
Avery	650	326.1	317.0	56	82	85	165	262	93	33.9	15.0	82	5	3	3	0
Madison	82	162.1	88.0	34	14	12	12	10	395	66.2	35.0	272	65	33	15	10
Mitchell	164	348.4	294.5	35	25	7	17	80	298	49.2	31.0	236	41	10	7	4
Watauga	282	326.7	270.0	56	26	28	74	98	823	52.0	32.0	637	105	37	33	11
Yancey	132	219.0	119.0	48	18	13	15	38	437	39.5	21.0	347	65	14	9	2
District Totals	1,310	308.0	267.5	229	165	145	283	488	2,046	50.8	29.0	1,574	281	97	67	27
District 25																
Burke	386	52.9	26.0	298	53	12	15	8	3,565	32.4	17.0	3,188	231	54	62	30
Caldwell	1,007	210.0	159.0	323	133	68	295	188	3,723	38.0	21.0	3,249	312	40	80	42
Catawba	645	69.7	29.0	412	112	59	50	12	6,311	37.2	21.0	5,388	604	154	138	27
District Totals	2,038	135.8	58.0	1,033	298	139	360	208	13,599	36.2	20.0	11,825	1,147	248	280	99
District 26																
Mecklenburg	9,257	390.6	102.0	3,850	1,012	481	1,061	2,853	26,750	47.1	28.0	20,972	4,253	716	538	271
District 27A																
Gaston	2,499	93.1	40.0	1,663	359	118	236	123	12,588	48.3	35.0	9,419	2,271	569	258	71
District 27B																
Cleveland	334	57.7	20.0	268	35	9	11	11	4,100	37.1	24.0	3,474	462	96	55	13
Lincoln	213	100.9	34.0	140	26	4	28	15	2,260	39.0	22.0	1,997	169	36	27	31
District Totals	547	74.5	23.0	408	61	13	39	26	6,360	37.8	24.0	5,471	631	132	82	44
District 28																
Buncombe	1,111	67.1	26.0	810	105	40	137	19	12,094	32.1	18.0	10,804	784	240	229	37

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District 29																
Henderson	535	85.6	36.0	339	69	53	50	24	3,294	49.7	27.0	2,493	508	139	132	22
McDowell	214	193.2	65.0	103	20	8	43	40	1,336	35.7	21.0	1,179	84	35	31	7
Polk	72	145.1	41.0	42	15	4	2	9	585	37.6	21.0	471	73	35	5	1
Rutherford	507	197.2	51.0	269	50	27	67	94	3,179	41.4	18.0	2,717	329	47	38	48
Transylvania	142	151.0	85.0	59	38	9	20	16	899	46.6	21.0	726	101	25	34	13
District Totals	1,470	149.0	48.0	812	192	101	182	183	9,293	43.8	21.0	7,586	1,095	281	240	91
District 30																
Cherokee	183	172.1	82.0	77	27	22	20	37	550	51.9	30.0	427	62	34	19	8
Clay	21	102.1	68.0	10	5	2	4	0	196	21.7	6.0	186	6	1	1	2
Graham	64	138.2	78.0	28	9	7	16	4	331	64.9	24.0	266	18	10	22	15
Haywood	805	377.8	166.0	224	127	62	94	298	2,399	59.4	22.0	1,882	197	79	182	59
Jackson	333	275.8	233.0	94	18	30	82	109	776	44.2	22.0	646	59	24	33	14
Macon	416	618.8	447.0	61	32	9	62	252	927	74.3	18.0	778	68	16	18	47
Swain	115	255.6	205.0	39	7	8	24	37	500	44.5	21.0	422	23	35	15	5
District Totals	1,937	374.4	212.0	533	225	140	302	737	5,679	56.7	22.0	4,607	433	199	290	150
State Totals	73,309	197.4	61.0	36,446	10,307	5,312	8,825	12,419	401,515	41.4	22.0	328,628	47,454	12,865	9,481	3,087

RANKINGS FOR THE 34 JUDICIAL DISTRICTS BASED UPON PERCENT TOTAL CASELOAD DISPOSED*

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Judicial Division	Judicial District	Superior Court			Estates	Special Proceedings	District Court	
		Civil	Criminal				Civil	Criminal Non-Motor Vehicle
			Felonies	Misdemeanors				
I	1	22	6	9	28	31	17	3
	2	20	22	32	20	32	22	1
	3	13	24	19	12	8	28	15
	4	21	4	1	23	24	32	8
	5	19	7	17	29	3	26	5
	6	23	18	26	15	33	5	7
	7	15	9	10	17	19	16	22
	8	18	16	12	9	15	19	12
II	9	14	15	21	19	16	25	9
	10	17	27	7	33	23	27	28
	11	1	17	11	21	12	29	24
	12	24	13	2	1	6	30	23
	13	29	33	20	16	25	7	20
	14	10	10	31	24	2	18	29
	15A	25	20	27	2	5	1	16
	15B	8	3	3	27	22	24	25
	16	16	21	25	3	14	15	13
III	17A	7	5	18	11	34	2	14
	17B	3	32	33	13	13	9	10
	18	34	26	24	26	7	8	32
	19A	26	2	14	7	11	21	26
	19B	32	12	23	4	29	11	19
	20	30	11	15	34	27	33	11
	21	6	1	5	18	1	6	30
	22	5	23	4	5	9	4	17
	23	4	30	30	8	18	3	6
IV	24	9	34	34	32	28	31	34
	25	11	14	8	30	10	13	18
	26	28	25	16	14	20	34	33
	27A	31	19	13	10	17	14	27
	27B	2	8	6	6	4	10	2
	28	12	31	22	22	21	12	4
	29	33	29	28	25	30	23	21
	30	27	28	29	31	26	20	31

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RANKINGS FOR THE 100 COUNTIES BASED UPON PERCENT TOTAL CASELOAD DISPOSED*

July 1, 1981 — June 30, 1982

Judicial District	County	Superior Court					District Court	
		Civil	Criminal		Estates	Special Proceedings	Civil	Criminal Non-Motor Vehicle
			Felonies	Misdemeanors				
1	Camden	96	27	88	4	77	49	2
	Chowan	38	41	32	57	94	27	7
	Currituck	82	74	17	27	47	97	37
	Dare	80	14	60	100	88	29	72
	Gates	100	55	15	82	62	25	1
	Pasquotank	8	39	20	29	53	53	11
	Perquimans	73	2	9	83	69	52	4
2	Beaufort	50	45	84	76	87	59	5
	Hyde	9	20	98	2	67	43	6
	Martin	84	51	95	44	59	77	16
	Tyrrell	57	83	73	74	32	55	49
	Washington	66	78	41	23	76	24	3
3	Carteret	33	49	35	46	44	82	86
	Craven	71	66	52	38	28	51	39
	Pamlico	12	87	5	31	89	66	53
	Pitt	29	52	65	41	8	76	22
4	Duplin	70	13	1	70	84	91	90
	Jones	39	1	34	55	98	85	74
	Onslow	75	28	21	69	46	86	10
	Sampson	22	30	6	47	27	35	34
5	New Hanover	58	23	48	80	3	62	20
	Pender	28	88	59	63	79	83	73
6	Bertie	46	70	70	15	49	60	15
	Halifax	59	38	66	77	91	2	25
	Hertford	61	67	75	9	50	46	38
	Northampton	77	31	19	28	75	7	71
7	Edgecombe	11	26	16	12	58	47	50
	Nash	78	25	36	50	24	56	60
	Wilson	44	43	45	75	71	45	76
8	Greene	56	73	93	16	38	1	8
	Lenoir	41	21	39	3	33	22	28
	Wayne	53	53	31	66	30	74	58
9	Franklin	51	7	4	89	95	64	47
	Granville	60	37	63	18	1	44	12
	Person	13	57	83	49	55	94	51
	Vance	62	64	81	58	54	67	40
	Warren	19	5	10	13	26	11	35
10	Wake	48	68	33	90	61	69	83
11	Harnett	15	19	30	61	40	33	78
	Johnston	7	6	28	33	6	70	82
	Lee	10	90	62	84	85	93	13
12	Cumberland	69	42	7	11	17	80	68
	Hoke	2	11	38	8	37	16	45
13	Bladen	63	93	76	6	11	6	59
	Brunswick	74	96	53	72	56	41	81
	Columbus	88	60	44	45	90	26	43
14	Durham	34	32	78	62	5	54	85
15A	Alamance	68	56	68	14	15	10	56
15B	Chatham	16	71	12	68	73	14	24
	Orange	32	8	11	71	57	78	80
16	Robeson	49	44	29	7	18	39	46
	Scotland	27	77	94	59	72	58	42

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		Civil	Criminal				Civil	Criminal Non-Motor Vehicle
			Felonies	Misdemeanors				
17A	Caswell	72	95	79	32	86	79	9
	Rockingham	23	15	46	43	92	5	54
17B	Stokes	17	65	77	56	19	36	26
	Surry	18	89	92	37	35	21	44
18	Guilford	94	63	61	67	20	23	95
19A	Cabarrus	89	17	54	34	36	48	55
	Rowan	42	24	25	36	22	72	87
19B	Montgomery	76	35	80	1	100	96	66
	Randolph	92	36	49	35	34	12	57
20	Anson	67	4	13	86	97	73	29
	Moore	85	47	26	87	23	75	30
	Richmond	97	48	40	93	81	99	69
	Stanly	93	34	22	94	60	90	70
	Union	52	22	67	78	83	81	17
21	Forsyth	24	10	24	48	2	20	89
22	Alexander	3	91	14	5	4	3	67
	Davidson	21	9	3	25	39	13	52
	Davie	83	16	64	20	41	30	48
	Iredell	20	75	23	22	12	31	62
23	Alleghany	1	12	50	30	7	17	19
	Ashe	5	86	91	21	16	57	36
	Wilkes	30	76	72	52	65	4	31
	Yadkin	14	81	71	26	29	18	18
24	Avery	54	99	100	65	43	87	100
	Madison	35	29	85	81	78	92	79
	Mitchell	65	85	2	98	96	71	99
	Watauga	64	94	90	64	74	68	94
	Yancey	4	82	87	79	63	38	91
25	Burke	43	62	55	88	10	34	33
	Caldwell	40	72	18	60	25	84	88
	Catawba	31	18	27	85	45	19	27
26	Mecklenburg	79	59	47	42	52	95	96
27A	Gaston	87	54	42	40	48	42	77
27B	Cleveland	26	50	37	39	9	32	14
	Lincoln	6	3	8	10	21	15	23
28	Buncombe	36	79	58	54	51	40	21
29	Henderson	99	69	74	51	31	89	65
	McDowell	98	40	43	73	82	37	64
	Polk	90	58	89	53	13	9	41
	Rutherford	81	84	56	19	64	28	63
	Transylvania	25	98	99	99	99	63	61
30	Cherokee	91	92	96	97	70	100	92
	Clay	55	97	97	17	14	50	32
	Graham	37	100	69	92	66	8	75
	Haywood	45	61	57	24	42	61	93
	Jackson	95	33	86	96	93	88	97
	Macon	47	80	82	95	80	65	98
	Swain	86	46	51	91	68	98	84

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